

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act of 2005 to provide that money in the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge Assistance Fund may be provided to eligible residential customers of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for payment of amounts due to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority; and to amend the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014 to establish a December 31, 2022, deadline for the first submission of proposed stewardship plans to the Department of Energy and Environment, and to clarify that manufacturers must accept covered electronic equipment for recycling and reuse where a customer purchases the same type of electronic equipment from the manufacturer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “CRIAC Assistance Fund Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 113a(c) of the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act 29 of 2005, effective September 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 23-16; D.C. Official Code § 8-151.13a(c)), is 30 amended as follows:

(a) The existing language is designated as paragraph (1).

(b) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

“(2)(A) In Fiscal Year 2023, money in the fund may be provided to eligible residential customers of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“DC Water”) for the payment of amounts due to DC Water.

“(B) A residential customer shall be deemed eligible for relief under this paragraph where:

“(i) The residential customer is a resident of the District of Columbia;

“(ii) The residential customer’s annual household income is less than or equal to 100% of the area median income; and

“(iii) Continued nonpayment of amounts due to DC Water will result in the discontinuance of water service to the residential customer during Fiscal Year 2023.

“(C) Amounts made available from the Fund for relief provided under this paragraph shall not exceed the fund balance as of September 30, 2022.

“(D) The Mayor may issue a grant, reprogramming, or other transfer of funds to DC Water to implement this paragraph.

“(E) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Energy and Environment shall provide data to the Council on, for Fiscal Year 2023, the number of residential customers provided funding and the total dollar amount of funding provided to residential customers pursuant to this paragraph.”.

Sec. 3. The Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-154; D.C. Official Code § 8-1041 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) The lead in language of Section 117(b) (D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.03(b)) is amended by striking the phrase “By October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter” and inserting the phrase “By December 31, 2022, October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter” in its place.

(b) Section 119(d) (D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.05(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) Beginning January 1, 2017, a manufacturer shall accept for recycling or reuse, on a one-to-one basis with the purchase in the District of the same type of covered electronic equipment, any brand of covered electronic equipment that is offered for return to the manufacturer by a person in the District.”

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).