

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Workers’ Compensation Act of 1979 to provide that the payment or award of compensation under the workers’ compensation law of any other state shall not bar a claim for compensation under the District’s workers’ compensation law for the same injury or death; provided, that any such award under the District’s workers’ compensation law shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received or awarded under the workers’ compensation law of any other state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 4(a-1) of the District of Columbia Workers’ Compensation Act of 1979, effective July 1, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-77; D.C. Official Code § 32-1503(a-1)), is amended to read as follows:

“(a-1)(1) Notwithstanding any other law, the payment or award of compensation under the workers’ compensation law of any other state to an employee or his dependent shall not bar a claim for compensation under this act for the same injury or death; provided, that any such award of compensation under this act shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received or awarded under the workers’ compensation law of any other state.

“(2) This subsection shall apply to all claims under this act that are pending as of

34 the effective date of the Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act  
35 of 2022, as introduced on June 6, 2022 (Bill 24-841), and all claims under this act filed after the  
36 effective date of the Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act of  
37 2022, as introduced on June 6, 2022 (Bill 24-841).”.

38 Sec. 3. Applicability.

39 This act shall apply as of May 4, 2023.

40 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

44 Sec. 5. Effective date.

45 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
46 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review  
47 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
48 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
49 Columbia Register.

50 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect