

AMENDMENT # 1

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DATE: December 19, 2023

OFFERED BY: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

TO: B25-589, “Green Housing Transition Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”

VERSION: Engrossed

Amendment:

Insert new section 2a to read as follows:

“Sec. 2a. The Green Housing Transition Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective September 16, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-060; 70 DCR 13071) is repealed.”

Rationale

This technical amendment clarifies the Council’s intent to repeal an obsolete temporary act.

The Green Housing Transition Temporary Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-327) provided certain residential construction projects an exemption from certain green building requirements, provided they met certain conditions by December 31, 2023. On December 5, 2023, the Council passed the Green Housing Transition **Extension** Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, which was substantially identical to the prior temporary law except that it extended the exemption qualifying period through March 31, 2024.

B25-589 is substantially identical to the new emergency measure and received approval on first reading at the December 5 Legislative Meeting. While the new measures render the preexisting temporary law obsolete, implied repeals are disfavored and create the potential for confusion. Per the advice of the Office of General Counsel, this amendment makes explicit the repeal of the earlier legislation.