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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016 to
16 prohibit private disability insurance providers from reducing short-term disability
17 benefits based on actual or estimated paid leave benefits to which an eligible
18 individual may be entitled to from the District, regardless of the jurisdiction in
19 which the insurance policy was issued or written; and to amend Title I of the
20 Insurance Trade and Economic Development Amendment Act of 2000 to make the
21 prohibition on offsetting or reducing benefits under a private market short-term
22 disability insurance policy based on estimated or actual benefits received under the
23 Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016 enforceable under that law,
24 regardless of the jurisdiction in which the insurance policy was issued or written.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 act may be cited as the “Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification
28 Emergency Amendment Act of 2025”.

29 Sec. 2. Section 107(j)(1) of the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, effective
30 April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.07(j)(1)), is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 “(1) No insurer may offset or reduce benefits or income available to an eligible
33 individual under an individual or group policy for temporary or short-term disability insurance
34 based on estimated or actual benefits the eligible individual may or does receive under this act,
35 regardless of the jurisdiction in which such policy was issued, executed, written, or delivered.”.

36 Sec. 3. Section 120a the Insurance Trade and Economic Development Amendment Act of

37 2000, effective April 2, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-265; D.C. Official Code § 31-2231.20a), is amended
38 as follows:

39 (a) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

40 “(a) No insurer may offset or reduce benefits or income available to an eligible individual
41 under a temporary or short-term disability insurance policy, based on estimated or actual benefits
42 the eligible individual may or does receive under the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of
43 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01 *et seq.*),
44 regardless of in which jurisdiction such policy was executed, written, or delivered.”.

45 (b) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

46 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term:

47 “(1) “Eligible individual” shall have the same meaning as provided in section
48 101(6) of the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law
49 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01(6)).

50 “(2) “Self-insured employer” shall have the same meaning as provided in section
51 101(19A) of the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C.
52 Law 21-264; D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01(19A)).”.

53 Sec. 4. Applicability.

54 This act shall apply as of May 1, 2025.

55 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

59 Sec. 6. Effective date.

60 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
61 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
62 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
63 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
64 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).