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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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20 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act of 2020, the Fiscal
21 Year 2021 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020,
22 the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020,
23 and the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of
24 2020 to clarify returning citizens' eligibility to apply for financial assistance for District
25 residents impacted by the public health emergency.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
28 act may be cited as the "Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Additional Clarification Emergency
29 Amendment Act of 2020".

30 Sec. 2. Amendatory section 203a of the Washington Convention Center Authority Act of
31 1994, enacted on August 31, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-407; 67 DCR 10493), in section 7212 of the
32 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act of 2020, enacted on August 31, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-407; 67
33 DCR 10493), is amended to read as follows:

34 "Sec. 203a. Assistance for excluded workers.

35 "(a) During the public health emergency declared in the Mayor's order dated March 11,
36 2020 and any extensions thereof, the Washington Convention and Sports Authority ("Events

37 DC”) shall issue, subject to the availability of funds, grants or contracts to nonprofit entities to
38 use to provide cash assistance to District residents who are otherwise excluded from District and
39 federal aid related to COVID-19. To qualify for cash assistance from grants or contracts awarded
40 pursuant to this section, a District resident shall, at the time of application for assistance under
41 this section:

42 “(1) Demonstrate a loss of income due to the public health emergency;

43 “(2)(A) Be ineligible for:

44 “(i) Unemployment insurance; or

45 “(ii) COVID-19 relief; or

46 “(B) Be a returning citizen, as defined by section 2(5) of the Office on Ex-
47 Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of
48 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official Code § 24-1301(5)), whose
49 incarceration ended on March 11, 2020 or later; and

50 “(3) Provide a:

51 “(A) Signed certification that the resident’s loss of income stems from the
52 public health emergency; and

53 “(B) Proof of residency and eligibility for relief, as determined by Events
54 DC and consistent with rules and standards for COVID-19 relief programs administered by
55 Events DC.

56 “(b) Any entity receiving a grant or contract pursuant to this section may use no more
57 than 10% of the grant for administrative expenses incurred from administering the cash
58 assistance program.

59 “(c) Cash assistance provided to eligible individuals pursuant to this section shall not be
60 considered in determining eligibility for any means-tested programs administered by the District.

61 “(d) For the purposes of this section the term:

62 “(1) “COVID-19” means the disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-
63 CoV-2.

64 “(2) “COVID-19 relief” means federal monetary unemployment assistance
65 provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, approved March 27,
66 2020 (134 Stat. 281; 15 U.S.C. § 9001 *et seq.*), which shall include tax credits but shall not
67 include federal Economic Impact Payments or other stimulus relief for which eligibility is not
68 contingent on the recipient’s employment status.”.

69 Sec. 3. Amendatory section 203a(a)(2)(B) of the Washington Convention Center
70 Authority Act of 1994, effective October 26, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-426; 67 DCR 12848), in section
71 7212 of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2020,
72 effective October 26, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-426; 67 DCR 12848), is amended by striking the phrase
73 “not more than 6 months before the time of application for assistance under this section” and
74 inserting the phrase “on March 11, 2020 or later” in its place.

75 Sec. 4. Repealer.

76 (a) Section 2(b) of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Clarification Emergency
77 Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 14, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-416; 67 DCR 12245), is
78 repealed.

79 (b) Section 2(b) of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Clarification Temporary
80 Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on October 28, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-447; 67 DCR 13036), is
81 repealed.

82 Sec. 5. Applicability.

83 This act shall apply as of November 10, 2020.

84 Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

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

88 Sec. 7. Effective date.

89 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
90 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
91 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
92 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
93 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).