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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to the expiration of Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, with respect to the need to reform the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to aid tenants in the District during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021.”

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the underlying emergency measure is to adjust the eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, monthly rent arrearage cap, and maximum allowable rent arrearage amount for tenants applying to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to ensure that more renters are eligible for the program, and that ensure the program can cover larger rent arrearages. The emergency measure is identical to the Emergency Rental Assistance

37 Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-254; 68  
38 DCR 3676).

39 (b) The Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2020 will  
40 expire on October 27, 2021. A permanent bill, the Emergency Rental Assistance Reform  
41 Amendment Act of 2021 (Bill 24-120), was introduced on March 1, 2021 and is pending in the  
42 Committee on Human Services. An emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in  
43 the law.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
45 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the “Emergency Rental  
46 Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2021” be adopted after a single reading.

47 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.