



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to enact a one-year moratorium on applications for and the Mayor’s issuance of a Certificate of Assurance, which guarantees a housing provider a property tax credit against any losses incurred as a result of an expansion of the District’s rent stabilization program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 221a to read as follows:

“Sec. 221a. Certificate of assurance moratorium.

“Notwithstanding the requirements of section 221, no owner of a housing accommodation shall request a certificate of assurance for one year beginning on the effective date of the Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, passed on emergency basis May 3, 2022 (enrolled version of B24-XXX)(“Act”), and the Mayor shall not issue a certificate of assurance for any request received for one year beginning on the effective date of the Act.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact

33 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
34 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

35 Sec. 4. Effective date.

36 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
38 225 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
39 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
40 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).