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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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19 To exempt certain health care projects of the District of Columbia and District Hospital Partners,
20 LP, doing business as George Washington University Hospital ("GWU Hospital") from the
21 Certificate of Need process to expeditiously move forward with creating a comprehensive,
22 integrated health care system that equitably serves all residents in the District of Columbia.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 act may be cited as the "East End Health Equity Act of 2018".

26 Sec. 2. Section 8(b) of the Health Services Planning Program Re-Establishment Act of
27 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-407), is amended as
28 follows:

29 (a) Paragraph (13) is amended by striking the phrase "Hospital; and" and inserting the
30 word "Hospital;" in its place.

31 (b) Paragraph (14) is amended by striking the number "2017." and inserting the number
32 "2017;" in its place.

33 (c) A new paragraph (15) is added to read as follows:

34 "(15) The development, construction, equipment acquisition, and operation of a
35 new community hospital ("East End Hospital") by the District of Columbia on the St. Elizabeths

campus with 150 licensed beds and sufficient shell space to expand to 200 licensed beds in the future, which hospital shall be operated by GWU Hospital;”.

(d) A new paragraph (16) is added to read as follows:

“(16) The construction, equipment acquisition, and operation by GWU Hospital of a new bed tower on or adjacent to the existing GWU Hospital campus, which shall increase the licensed bed capacity of GWU Hospital by 270 beds; and”.

(e) A new paragraph (17) is added to read as follows:

“(17) The construction, equipment acquisition, and operation by GWU Hospital of comprehensive urgent care and ambulatory facilities in Wards 7 and 8 that are an integral part of the overall health network supporting both the East End Hospital and GWU Hospital.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

(a) Sections 2(c), 2(d), and 2(e) of this legislation shall apply upon a final definitive agreement being executed between District Hospital Partners, LP, and the District that includes, without limitation, requirements to:

(1) Increase the minimum licensed beds for the East End Hospital from 106-125 beds to 150 licensed beds initially;

(2) Ensure that the East End Hospital will be affiliated with and integrated within the GWU Hospital system, and that the specific branding for the hospital shall be included as part of the definitive agreement;

(3) Design and construct the East End Hospital with sufficient shell space to preserve the ability to increase the size of the hospital by an additional 50 licensed beds, while the hospital remains in operation;

(4) Construct the East End Hospital through a Project Labor Agreement;

(5) Ensure the District retains ownership of the land the East End Hospital is built upon;

(6) Ensure the District retains ownership of the East End Hospital building, unless it is purchased by District Hospital Partners, LP, for fair-market value pursuant to the terms of the definitive agreement to be negotiated and executed between the District and District Hospital Partners, LP; and

(7) Provide a detailed workforce development plan between the District and District Hospital Partners, LP, to be included as part of the definitive agreement, that details strategies and measurable outcomes to:

(A) Prepare qualified District residents for employment at the East End Hospital;

(B) Train District residents for employment at the East End Hospital; and

(B) Give preference in hiring to District residents for the East End Hospital, with a particular emphasis on the residents of Wards 7 and 8.

(b) The activities contemplated by Sections 2(c), (d), and (e) of this Act may be pursued simultaneously by the parties pursuant to the definitive agreement to be negotiated and executed by the District and District Hospital Partners, LP.; provided, that no licensed bed expansion covered by the Certificate of Need exemption in Section 2(d) shall open before the East End Hospital in Section 2(c).

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

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

82 Sec. 5. Effective date.

83 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
84 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
85 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
86 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
87 Columbia Register.