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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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13 To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to define “rent charged”; and to require the
14 definition of “rent charged” to be included on all Rental Accommodations
15 Division forms that include the phrase “rent charged”.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 act may be cited as the “Rent Charged Definition Clarification Amendment Act of 2018”.

18 Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C.
19 Official Code § 42-3501.03 *et seq.*, is amended as follows:

20 (a) Section 103(29A) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.03(29A)) is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 “(29A) “Rent charged” means the entire amount of money, money’s worth, benefit,
23 bonus, or gratuity a tenant must actually pay to a housing provider as a condition of occupancy
24 or use of a rental unit, its related services, and its related facilities, pursuant to the Rent
25 Stabilization Program.”.

26 (b) Section 208(f) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.08(f)) is amended to read as follows:

27 “(f)(1) Any notice of an adjustment under section 206 of this Act shall contain a
28 statement of the current rent charged, the increased rent charged, and the utilities covered by the
29 rent charged that justify the adjustment or other justification for the rent charged increase.

30 “(2) The definition of “rent charged” shall be included on all Rental Accommodations
31 Division forms that include the phrase “rent charged”.

32 “(3) The notice shall also include a summary of tenant rights under this chapter and a list
33 of sources of technical assistance as published in the District of Columbia Register by the
34 Mayor.”.

35 Sec. 3. Rulemaking.

36 Within 180 days of the effective date of this act, the Rental Housing Commission shall
37 promulgate rules to implement this act. The proposed rules shall include revisions necessary to
38 update relevant housing provider reporting forms according to the requirements of this act.

39 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

40 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
41 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home
42 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
43 206.02(c)(3)).

44 Sec. 5. Effective date.

45 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
46 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
47 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
48 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
49 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.