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A BILL
23-528

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Housing Act of 2002 to clarify that rental housing assistance provided by the District government shall be considered the income of the tenant for the purposes of any minimum income qualification for a rental unit and for the purposes of the Human Rights Act of 1977, and to prohibit the owner of a housing accommodation from refusing to rent a rental unit to a person because the person will provide his or her rental payment through a voucher for rental housing assistance provided by the District or federal government, and to require the owner of a housing accommodation to clearly state in any written notice, statement, or advertisement for a rental unit that the housing provider will not refuse to rent a rental unit to a person because the person will provide his or her rental payment through a voucher for rental housing assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Rental Housing Source of Income Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 206 of the Housing Act of 2002, effective April 19, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-114; D.C. Official Code § 42-2851.06), is amended as follows:

(1) The section heading is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 206. Vouchers for rental housing assistance.”.

(2) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “Act of 1937,” and inserting the phrase “Act of 1937 or any District law or program authorizing the payment of rental housing assistance,” in its place.

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30 (3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “Act of 1937,” and inserting
31 the phrase “Act of 1937 or any District law or program authorizing the payment of rental housing
32 assistance,” in its place.

33 (4) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “section 8 voucher.” and
34 inserting the phrase “voucher for rental housing assistance provided by the District or federal
35 government.” in its place.

36 (5) A new subsection (d) is added to read as follows:

37 “(d) In any written notice, statement, or advertisement of a dwelling unit for rent, the
38 housing provider shall clearly state that the housing provider will not refuse to rent a rental unit
39 to a person because the person will provide his or her rental payment, in whole or in part,
40 through a voucher for rental housing assistance provided by the District or federal government.”.

41 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

42 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
43 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
44 approved October 16, 2006 (12 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

45 Sec. 4. Effective date.

46 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
47 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
48 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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49 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
50 Columbia Register.