

Trayon White

Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, Section 501 of an Act to prohibition evictions during a declared public health emergency and 60 days after the conclusion of the public health emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, this act may be cited as the “Eviction Prohibition During Declared Public Health Crisis Temporary Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 501 of the Rental Housing Act of 1980, effective July 17, 1980 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.01), is amended by adding a new subsection (q) to read as follows:

“(q) During a public health emergency that has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) (“public health emergency”), and for 60 days thereafter, for tenants who are unable to pay rent during the public health emergency, it shall not be a basis for eviction that rent due during the public health emergency was not paid.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

32 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
33 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
34 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
35 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
36 Columbia Register.

37 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.