



Councilmember Elissa Silverman

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act to qualify District workers for additional weeks of unemployment insurance and pandemic unemployment assistance benefits under the extended benefits program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Unemployment Benefits Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 7(g)(1) of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 949; D.C. Official Code § 51-107(g)(1)), is amended as follows:

(a) Subparagraph (K) is amended as follows:

(1) Sub-subparagraph (i) is amended by striking the phrase “March 15, 2009” and inserting the phrase “after March 18, 2020” in its place.

(2) Sub-subparagraph (ii) is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A)(ii) of this subsection, for purposes of this subparagraph, there is an “off” indicator beginning on, and the extended benefit

34 period will remain in effect only until, December 31, 2020, or the latest date for which 100%
35 federal sharing is available under section 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act,
36 approved March 18, 2020 (Pub. L. No. 116-127; 134 Stat. 195) (“Families First Act”), or any
37 subsequent amendment to the Families First Act, or other federal law.”.

38 (b) Subparagraph (L) is amended as follows:

39 (1) Sub-subparagraph (i) is amended by striking the phrase “March 15, 2009” and
40 inserting the phrase “after March 18, 2020” in its place.

41 (2) Sub-subparagraph (iii) is amended to read as follows:

42 “(iii) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A)(ii) of this subsection, for
43 purposes of this subparagraph, there is an “off” indicator beginning on, and the extended benefit
44 period will remain in effect only until, December 31, 2020, or the latest date for which 100%
45 federal sharing is available under section 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act,
46 approved March 18, 2020 (Pub. L. No. 116-127; 134 Stat. 195) (“Families First Act”), or any
47 subsequent amendment to the Families First Act, or other federal law.”.

48 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

52 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

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

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

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