

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010 to clarify that the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010 shall not apply to any claim brought by the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”.

Sec. 2. Section 6 of the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-351; D.C. Official Code § 16-5505), is amended as follows:

(a) The existing text is designated as subsection (a).

(b) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b)(1) This act shall not apply to any claim brought by the District.

“(2) This subsection shall apply:

“(A) As of March 31, 2011; and

“(B) To any claims pending as of the effective date of the Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective November 8, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-208; 68 DCR 12193).”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

33           Sec. 4. Effective date.

34           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
36 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
37 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
38 D.C. Official Code §1-204.12(a)).