

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Act of 2018 to eliminate the requirement for a notary public to read and write in the language of any record on which the notary public performs a notarial act; to clarify that the training course for notary applicants must be approved but not provided by the Mayor; and to require notarial officers to read and write in the same language as the notarial certificate executed by the officer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Notarial Acts Clarification Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Act of 2018, effective December 4, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-189; D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 4(b) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.15(b)) is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) The notarial officer does not read or understand the language in which the certificate of notarial act is written.”.

(b) Section 20(d)(4) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.19(d)(4)) is repealed.

(c) Section 21(c) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.20(c)) is amended by striking the phrase “provided by the Mayor” and inserting the phrase “approved by the Mayor” in its place.

(d) Section 22(b) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.22(b)) is amended by striking the phrase “notary publics and applicants for endorsement as electronic notaries” and inserting the phrase “notary publics” in its place.

33 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

34 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
35 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
36 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

37 Sec. 4. Effective date.

38 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
39 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 30-day period of congressional review
40 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
41 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).