

A RESOLUTION

23-493

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 28, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to provide protections to District residents and businesses, expand the authority of the Mayor, and ensure continuity of government during the current public health emergency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the underlying emergency measure (“second congressional review emergency act”) is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of District residents and for support to businesses during the coronavirus public health emergency, and for other purposes. The second congressional review emergency act is nearly identical to the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act, enacted on July 7, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-334; 67 DCR 8622) (“temporary act”).

(b) The Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective May 27, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-326; 67 DCR 7045), expired on June 9, 2020. The Coronavirus Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2020, effective June 8, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-328; 67 DCR 7598), (“first congressional review emergency act”), will expire on September 6, 2020.

(c) The temporary act was adopted on second reading by the Council on June 9, 2020. However, the temporary act has not yet completed its 30-day congressional review period. The second congressional review emergency act is necessary to prevent a gap in the law given that the Council will not meet again until after the expiration of the first congressional review emergency act.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.