

A RESOLUTION

23-530

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 6, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000 to require the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to investigate all maternal mortalities occurring in the District of Columbia.

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

Sec. 2. (a) On July 7, 2020, the Council passed the Investigating Maternal Mortalities Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective August 5, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-358; 67 DCR 9663) (“emergency act”), which will expire on November 2, 2020.

(b) On July 21, 2020, the Council passed the Investigating Maternal Mortalities Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on August 13, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-394; 67 DCR 9907) (“temporary act”). The temporary act is undergoing congressional review and is projected to become law on November 16, 2020.

(c) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary 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 Investigating Maternal Mortalities Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.