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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend § 47-1803.02 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide that certain grant funds shall be excluded in the computation of District gross income.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Business Assistance Income Tax Relief Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District has created several grant programs to provide financial assistance and support for small businesses since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(b) To further support small businesses and other grantees, the Council has passed emergency and temporary legislation to exclude from the computation of District gross income, for tax purposes, funds received pursuant to several of the District’s public health emergency grant programs, including the public health emergency small business grants awarded pursuant to section 2316 of the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, effective March 17, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-30; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.16).

(c) The underlying emergency measure will provide that public health emergency response grants issued pursuant to section 5b of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act

34 of 1980, effective March 17, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-30; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.02), or
35 successor law, which include the Bridge Fund grants, are excluded from the computation of
36 District gross income for tax purposes.

37 (d) It is necessary that the underlying measure to be expeditiously enacted to timely
38 provide this additional relief to the District's struggling businesses and to create District taxation
39 consistency for the treatment of COVID-19 related grant funds.

40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that
42 Coronavirus Business Assistance Income Tax Relief Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be
43 adopted after a single reading.

44 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.