

A RESOLUTION

24-613

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2022

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to reform the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to aid tenants in their recovery from the public health emergency and to reduce administrative barriers to Emergency Rental Assistance Program payments for tenants in need.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 5, 2021, the Council unanimously approved the Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective November 1, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-195; 68 DCR 11603), which expired on January 30, 2022.

(b) On November 2, 2021, the Council unanimously approved the Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective February 18, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-60; 68 DCR 13214), which will expire on October 1, 2022.

(c) A permanent bill, the Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Amendment Act of 2021, as introduced on March 1, 2021 (Bill 24-120), is pending in the Committee on Human Services. A second emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

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 Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.