



Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend on a temporary basis the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to limit the adjustment of general applicability of the rent charged in rent stabilized units to the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for all items during the preceding calendar year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Inflation Mitigation for Rent Stabilized Housing Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 208(h) of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.08(h)) is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (2) is amended follows:

(1) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) Shall not exceed the current allowable amount of rent charged for the unit, plus the adjustment of general applicability plus 2%, taken as a percentage of the current allowable amount of rent charged; provided, that rent adjustments that will take effect on May 1, 2023 or later shall not exceed the current allowable amount of rent charged for the unit, plus the adjustment of general applicability; provided further, that the total adjustment shall not exceed 10%;”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

29 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
30 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
31 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

32 Sec. 4. Effective date.

33 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
34 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
35 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
36 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
37 Columbia Register.

38 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having effect.

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