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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to enact a moratorium on applications for, and the Mayor’s issuance of, certificates of assurance associated with District rent stabilization laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Second Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.01 *et seq.*)), is amended by adding a new section 221a to read as follows:

“Sec. 221a. Certificate of assurance moratorium.

“Notwithstanding the requirements of section 221, beginning on November 2, 2020, no owner of a housing accommodation shall request a certificate of assurance, and the Mayor shall not issue a certificate of assurance for any request received.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of November 2, 2020.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact

31 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
32 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

33 Sec. 5. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
36 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
37 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
38 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).