

A RESOLUTION

22-547

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 26, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend Chapter 38 of Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code to restrict a credit reporting agency's authority to charge consumers for security freeze services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Credit Protection Fee Waiver Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. (a) On October 3, 2017, the Council passed the Credit Protection Fee Waiver Emergency Amendment Act of 2017, effective October 27, 2017 (D.C. Act 22-155; 64 DCR 10762), which expired on January 21, 2018.

(b) On November 7, 2017, the Council passed the Credit Protection Fee Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 2017, effective November 22, 2017 (D.C. Law 22-39; 65 DCR 556), which will expire on August 30, 2018.

(c) The Office of the Attorney General has requested that the temporary act's protections remain in effect while the office monitors similar pending federal legislation.

(d) This identical emergency and temporary legislation would therefore restrict the authority of credit reporting agencies to charge consumers for security freeze services, in the wake of the Equifax data breach.

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 Credit Protection Fee Waiver Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.