

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002 to require the Director to enter into an agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for fare-free Metrobus travel and expanded after-hours Metrobus service in the District, to establish the Fare-Free Bus Service Fund, to establish the Bus Service Enhancement Fund, and to direct excess revenue to the Fare-Free Bus Service Fund and the Bus Service Enhancement Fund.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fare-Free Bus Funding Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On December 6, 2022, the Council passed the Fare-Free Bus Funding Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective December 8, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-699; 69 DCR 15138) (“emergency act”). The emergency act will expire on March 8, 2023.

(b) On December 20, 2022, the Council passed the Fare-Free Bus Funding Temporary Act of 2022, enacted on January 26, 2023 (D.C. Act 24-797; 70 DCR 1578) (“temporary act”). The temporary act is pending congressional review and is projected to become law on March 28, 2023.

(c) To prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act, it is necessary to pass this congressional review emergency legislation.

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 Fare-Free Bus Funding Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.