

A RESOLUTION

25-645

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 1, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Act of 2024, the Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Act of 2024, and the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2024 to amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to establish grounds for an extension to the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program, and, subject to available funding, to require the Department of Human Services or its designee, to thoroughly consider the totality of a participant's circumstances, including the participant's progress and eligibility for affordable housing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) The Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 was unanimously approved by the Council on July 9, 2024 to provide due process protections remained in place for families exiting the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program, otherwise known as rapid rehousing.

(b) This emergency and temporary legislation would come into effect specifically if funding is available within the program to support extensions beyond 12 months for participants in the program.

(c) Legislation continuing these existing protections is necessary to maintain the status quo and to allow extensions for families facing termination of housing assistance where funding is available and circumstances warrant doing so.

(d) Congressional review emergency legislation is necessary as the prior emergency legislation is expected to expire on October 21, 2024, before the accompanying temporary legislation completes congressional review.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.