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A BILL
23-878

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to enact a 2-year moratorium on voluntary agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code 3501.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 215a to read as follows:

“Sec. 215a. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 215, tenants and housing providers shall not enter into a voluntary agreement pursuant to section 215(a) for 2 years beginning on the effective date of the Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020, as introduced on July 31, 2018 (B23-878) .

“(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not affect any voluntary agreements that have already been approved by the Rent Administrator pursuant to section 215(b) prior to the effective date of the Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020, as introduced on July 31, 2018 (B23-878).”.

Sec. 3. Applicability

25 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
26 budget and financial plan.

27 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
28 an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
29 of the certification.

30 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
31 the District of Columbia Register.

32 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
33 applicability of this act.

34 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

35 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
36 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
37 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

38 Sec. 5. Effective date.

39 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
40 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
41 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
42 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
43 Columbia Register.