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 Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to clarify that no lawful rent increase notice issued to a tenant, nor a lawful rent increase implemented, between January 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022 shall be deemed null and void.

 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Rent Notice and Rent Increase Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”.

 Sec. 2. Section 904 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3509.04) is amended by adding a new subsection (c) that reads as follows:

 “(c) Neither a rent increase notice given to a tenant nor a rent increase implemented, in either case, between January 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022 pursuant to this act, the Rental Accommodations Act of 1975, the Rental Housing Act of 1977, or the Rental Housing Act of 1980, which meets the requirements of District law shall be deemed null and void by operation of section 405(7) of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective June 24, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-9; 68 DCR 4824).”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.