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Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Workers’ Compensation Act of 1979 to provide that the payment or award of compensation under the workers’ compensation law of any other state shall not bar a claim for compensation under the District’s workers’ compensation law for the same injury or death; provided, that any such award under the District’s workers’ compensation law shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received or awarded under the workers’ compensation law of any other state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 3, 2023, the Council adopted the Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, enacted November 3, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-274; 70 DCR 14474) which expires on January 24, 2024.

(b) On November 7, 2023, the Council adopted the Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Temporary Amendment Act of 2023 on second reading (D.C. Act 25-313; 70 DCR 15470) (“temporary act”), which is pending transmittal to Congress.

(c) This identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary measure.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Parity in Workers’ Compensation Recovery Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.