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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to define “rent charged”; and to require the definition of “rent charged” to be included on all Rental Accommodations Division forms that include the phrase “rent charged”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Rent Charged Definition Clarification Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.03 *et seq.*, is amended as follows:

(a) Section 103(29A) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.03(29A)) is amended to read as follows:

“(29A) “Rent charged” means the entire amount of money, money’s worth, benefit, bonus, or gratuity a tenant must actually pay to a housing provider as a condition of occupancy or use of a rental unit, its related services, and its related facilities, pursuant to the Rent Stabilization Program.”.

(b) Section 205(i) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.05(i)) is repealed.

(c) Section 208(f) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.08(f)) is amended to read as follows:

“(f)(1) Any notice of an adjustment under section 206 of this Act shall contain a

27 statement of the current rent charged, the increased rent charged, and the utilities covered by the
28 rent charged that justify the adjustment or other justification for the rent charged increase.

29 “(2) The definition of “rent charged” shall be included on all Rental
30 Accommodations Division forms that include the phrase “rent charged”.

31 “(3) The notice shall also include a summary of tenant rights under this chapter
32 and a list of sources of technical assistance as published in the District of Columbia Register by
33 the Mayor.”.

34 (d) Section 209(d) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.09(d)) is repealed.

35 (e) Section 213(d) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.13(d)) is repealed.

36 Sec. 3. Rulemaking.

37 Within 180 days of the effective date of this act, the Rental Housing Commission shall
38 promulgate rules to implement this act. The proposed rules shall include revisions necessary to
39 update relevant housing provider reporting forms according to the requirements of this act.

40 Sec. 4. Applicability.

41 Section 2(e) of this act shall apply on the later of the applicability date of the Vacancy
42 Increase Reform Amendment Act of 2018, as approved by the Committee on Housing and
43 Neighborhood Revitalization on November 7, 2018 (Committee print of Bill 22-025) or the
44 effective date of this act.

45 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

46 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal

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47 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
48 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a)

49 Sec. 6. Effective date.

50 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
51 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
52 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
53 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
54 Columbia Register.