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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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20 To amend the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005
21 to authorize financial assistance, for a specific amount of time, to eligible small
22 businesses affected by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority bus depot
23 relocation on 14th Street, N.W.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
26 act may be cited as the "WMATA Bus Depot Relocation Relief Amendment Act of 2019".

27 Sec. 2. The Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of
28 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.01 *et seq.*), is
29 amended as follows:

30 (a) Section 2302 (D.C. Official Code § 2-218.02) is amended as follows:

31 (1) A new paragraph (7A) is added to read as follows:

32 "(7A) "Eligible small business" means a business certified, or eligible to be
33 certified, as a small business enterprise pursuant to section 2332 or a disadvantaged business
34 enterprise pursuant to section 2333 that is experiencing financial distress as a result of the
35 WMATA bus depot relocation described in section 2316."

36 (2) Paragraph (9A) is designated as paragraph (9B).

37 (3) A new paragraph (9A) is added to read as follows:

38 “(9A) “Financial distress in Ward 4” means a condition that occurs to an small
39 business located between 4300 block to 4800 block of 14th Street, N.W., in Ward 4, as a result
40 of the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority bus depot relocation causing such a disruption
41 in businesses that the eligible small business has a demonstrable loss of revenue and as a
42 consequence is having difficulty in paying, or is unable to pay, its creditors, lenders, and other
43 obligations, including utility costs, rent, and other overhead costs.”.

44 (4) A new paragraph (18) is added to read as follows:

45 “(18) “WMATA” means the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
46 Authority.”.

47 (b) A new section 2316 is added to read as follows:

48 “Sec. 2316. Loans for Ward 4 small businesses suffering financial distress.

49 “(a)(1) The Mayor, may disburse a loan from the Small Business Capital Access Fund,
50 established by section 2375, to an eligible small business; provided, that the eligible small
51 business:

52 “(A) Submits a loan application in the form and with the information
53 required by the Mayor; and

54 “(B) Provides records that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Mayor,
55 financial distress in Ward 4.

56 “(2) A loan issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed beyond the completion
57 of the WMATA bus depot relocation.

58 “(b) The Mayor, pursuant Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure
59 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue
60 rules to implement the provisions of this section.”.

61 (c) Section 2375(b) (D.C. Official Code § 2-218.75(b)) is amended as follows:

62 (1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word “and”.

63 (2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase
64 “; and” in its place.

65 (3) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

66 “(4) To provide financial assistance, including grants, loans, and loan
67 guarantees to an eligible small business experiencing financial distress in Ward 4.”.

68 Sec. 3. Sunset.

69 This act shall expire on October 1, 2024.

70 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

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

74 Sec. 5. Effective date.

75 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
76 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
77 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
78 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
79 Columbia Register.