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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 to clarify that, during a public health emergency, grants made to retail business establishments in Great Streets corridors, for certain purposes, must be made available to all retail business establishments, that are small, local businesses, in the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Retail Establishment Grant Parity Emergency Amendment Act of 2020".

Sec. 2. Section 2032(a)(5) of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.04(a)(5)) is amended as follows:

(a) The existing language is redesignated as subparagraph (A).

(b) A new subparagraph (B) is added to read as follows:

"(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a grant offered pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to a retail establishment, as that term is defined in D.C. Official Code § 47-2001(m), during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public

32 health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of
33 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-494; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), shall be
34 offered to all retail establishments, regardless of their location in the District, that are eligible to
35 be certified as a small business enterprise, pursuant to section 2332 of the Small, Local, and
36 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, effective October
37 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.32), if the grant allows an awardee to use
38 funds for any of the following purposes:

39 “(i) Assistance with small business retention and attraction
40 programs;

41 “(ii) Mitigation of blight and vacant property growth;

42 “(iii) Supporting the pivoting of business operations into the digital
43 market; or

44 “(iv) Layoff aversion.”.

45 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

49 Sec. 4. 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), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
52 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
53 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
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