

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

A RESOLUTION

20-529

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 14, 2014

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011 to provide for the financial sustainability of the Health Benefit Exchange Authority.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) In May, the Council enacted the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Emergency Amendment Act of 2014, effective May 22, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-329; 61 DCR 5363) (“emergency legislation”), and in June, the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Temporary Amendment Act of 2014, signed by the Mayor on June 18, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-356; 61 DCR 6340) (“temporary legislation”), which amended the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011, effective March 2, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-94; D.C. Official Code § 31-3171.16(b)(1)), to provide the Health Benefit Exchange Authority with the authority to assess all health carriers doing business in the District.

(b) The emergency legislation will expire on August 20, 2014. If Congress fails to hold a pro forma session, then the emergency legislation will expire before the temporary legislation can take effect.

(c) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.