

A RESOLUTION

23-601

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 1, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend section 14-307 of the District of Columbia Official Code to prohibit sexual assault counselors from disclosing confidential information acquired from a client in a professional capacity without consent of the client or their legal representative; and to amend the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act of 2019 to extend the applicability date for certain provisions from October 1, 2020, to January 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. (a) On September 22, 2020, the Council passed the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 14, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-412; 67 DCR 12237) ("emergency act"). The emergency act expires on January 11, 2021.

(b) On October 6, 2020, the Council passed the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on October 28, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-444; 67 DCR 13032) ("temporary act"), which is pending congressional review.

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

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 Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.