

A RESOLUTION

25-478

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to allow applicants for local rent supplement vouchers to self-certify eligibility factors and to prohibit the District of Columbia Housing Authority from inquiring into an applicant's immigration status, prior criminal arrests or convictions, or pending criminal matters.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) On July 12, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective July 27, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-522; 69 DCR 9900), and on September 20, 2022, the Council unanimously approved on second reading the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, effective December 13, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-199; 69 DCR 12679).

(b) On June 20, 2023, the Council unanimously approved the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective July 10, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-168; 70 DCR 9743) ("Emergency Act"). The Emergency Act became law on July 10, 2023, and expired on October 8, 2023.

(c) On July 11, 2023, the Council unanimously approved the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective September 16, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-57; 70 DCR 10706) ("Temporary Act"). The Temporary Act became law on September 16, 2023 and expires on April 28, 2024.

(d) A permanent bill, the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of 2023, as introduced on January 19, 2023 (Bill 25-49), is pending in the Committee on Housing. A third emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.