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33 *To amend the Relocation and Housing Assistance Act of 1980 to develop a rental subsidy*
34 *program to allow eligible senior tenants and tenants with disabilities to access and*
35 *remain in affordable rental housing units in the District of Columbia.*
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37 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
38 act may be cited as the “Senior Tenants and Residents with Disabilities Rental Assistance
39 Program Amendment Act of 2017”.

40 Sec. 2. The Relocation and Housing Assistance Act of 1980, effective July 17, 1985
41 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Code §42-3503.01, *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

42 (a) Section 301(5) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3503.01(5)) is amended to read as follows:

43 “(5) Eligible family” means an individual or a family residing and domiciled in
44 the District which qualifies as a lower income family whose head of household is at least 62 or
45 qualifies as a person with a disability at the time it initially receives assistance under the Senior
46 Tenants and Residents with Disabilities Rental Assistance Program.”.

47 (b) Section 304 (D.C. Official Code § 42-3503.04) is amended as follows:

48 (1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “Where the head of
49 household is an elderly tenant or tenant with a disability, the amount of the tenant assistance
50 payment shall be the amount by which the actual rent or fair market rent, whichever is lower,
51 exceeds 25% of the family’s monthly income.” and inserting the phrase “but the amount of the
52 tenant assistance does not exceed \$500 per calendar month.” in its place.

53 (2) Subsection (b-1) is amended as follows:

54 “(b) No tenant assistance payment shall exceed 70% of the amount of the rent for
55 the recipient’s rental unit or \$500, whichever is less.”.

56 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

60 Sec. 4. Effective date.

61 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
62 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
63 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
64 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of
65 Columbia Register.