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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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17 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to prohibit housing providers
18 from issuing notices to vacate for the remaining duration of the public health emergency
19 and for 60 days thereafter.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
22 act may be cited as the “Eviction Notice Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”.

23 Sec. 2. Section 501 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law
24 6-10, D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.01) is amended by adding a new subsection (q) to read as
25 follows:

26 “(q)(1) Beginnng on the effective date of the Eviction Notice Moratorium Emergency
27 Amendment Act of 2020, passed on emergency basis on September 22, 2020 (Enrolled version
28 of Bill 23-____), for the period of time during which there exists a public health emergency
29 declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980,
30 effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code 7-2304.01), and for 60 days
31 thereafter, no housing provider shall issue to a tenant a notice to vacate pursuant to this section.

32 (2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to
33 penalties under section 901(b)(3).

34 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

38 Sec. 4. Effective date.

39 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
40 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
41 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
42 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
43 Columbia Register.

44 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.