
Councilmember Muriel Bowser

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Continuation of Health Coverage Act of 2002 to provide that an employee shall have the right to continue coverage under the employer’s health benefits plan for the length of time a subsidy is available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Continuation of Health Coverage Act Emergency Amendment Act of 2009”.

Sec. 2. Section 3a of the Continuation of Health Coverage Act of 2002, effective June 25, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-149; D.C. Official Code § 32-732(a)), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3a is amended by striking the phrase “3 months” and inserting the phrase: “3 months, or for the period of time during which the employee is eligible for premium assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, approved February 17, 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5)” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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