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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Free Clinic Assistance Program Act of 1986 to extend the life of the free clinic assistance program until October 1, 2007 and to require the Mayor to establish a working group to study alternatives to the program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Amendment Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Free Clinic Assistance Program Act of 1986, effective September 23, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-155; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.21 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 4a is added to read as follows:

"Sec. 4a. Establishment of working group to study program alternatives.

The Mayor shall establish a voluntary working group to study other alternatives to provide professional liability insurance or indemnification under the free clinic assistance program to other organizations, including examining the potential effects of covering clinics through commercial insurance and subsidizing part of the cost of the private insurance for clinics that are ineligible for the program. The working group shall provide a report to the Council no later than 8 months after the effective date of the Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Amendment Act of 2004, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on December 7, 2004 (Enrolled version of Bill 15-915)."

(b) Section 7(b) (D.C. Official Code § 1-307.26), is amended by striking the phrase "September 23, 2004" and inserting the phrase "October 1, 2007" in its place.

Amend  
§ 1-307.26

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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.

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), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia