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AN ACT
IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To authorize, on a temporary basis, the Mayor to enter into discussions with Howard University for the purpose of negotiating for a new hospital on the Public Reservation 13 site.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "National Capital Medical Center Negotiation Temporary Act of 2003".

- Sec. 2. (a) The District's existing healthcare infrastructure is inadequate in part because of the uneven distribution of hospitals throughout the city.
- (b) To resolve the inadequacy of the District's healthcare infrastructure described in subsection (a) of this section, the Council encourages the Mayor to begin negotiations immediately with Howard University for the purpose of securing an agreement to construct a new hospital to be known as the National Capital Medical Center on the Public Reservation 13 site in a manner not inconsistent with land use guidelines, notwithstanding any specific acreage limitations, contained in the Master Plan for Reservation 13 Hill East Waterfront as enacted into law by the Draft Master Plan for Public Reservation 13 Approval Act of 2002, effective April 11, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-300; D.C. Official Code § 10-1501 *et seq.*).
- Sec. 3. The Mayor shall, by January 15, 2004, submit to the Council, for its approval by act, the agreement, which shall include a provision:
- (1) For a long term lease for land, under District government control, to be made available to Howard University to construct a new hospital;
- (2) For the District to support the financing of the construction of the new hospital;
 - (3) That the District shall not manage or operate the new hospital; and
 - (4) A statement of the hospital's commitment to serve the underserved.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement. This legislation has no fiscal impact.

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Sec. 5. Effective date.

- (a) 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 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.
 - (b) This act shall expire on the 225th day after its having taking effect.

	Chairman
	Council of the District of Columbia
Mayor	
District of (Columbia