

AN ACT

Bill 20-874

**Emergency
Declaration
Res. 20-588
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Columbia
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**Interest
Arbitration
Award and
Compensation
Agreement
between the
District of
Columbia Fire
and Emergency
Medical Services
Department and
Local 36
International
Association of
Firefighters
(Compensation
Unit 4)
Emergency
Approval Act of
2014**

**Note,
§ 1-617.17**

To approve, on an emergency basis, the interest arbitration award and compensation agreement submitted by the Mayor for employees in Compensation Unit 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Interest Arbitration Award and Compensation Agreement between the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and Local 36 International Association of Firefighters (Compensation Unit 4) Emergency Approval Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) Pursuant to section 1717(j) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-617.17(j)), the Council approves the interest arbitration award and compensation agreement between the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and Local 36 International Association of Firefighters (Compensation Unit 4), which was transmitted by the Mayor to the Council on June 25, 2014.

(b) This approval is without prejudice to pending litigation regarding the following language in Article 18: “Members whose duties include fire suppression shall be paid overtime for all hours worked in excess of 42 hours averaged over a four-week period” and the following language in Article 44 Section B:

“1) The basic workweek for members working in the Fire Fighting Division shall be 42 hours averaged over a 4-week period.

“2) The work schedule for members working in the Fire Fighting Division shall be 24 hours on duty and 72 hours off duty.”

(c) It is the intent of the Council in approving the interest arbitration award and compensation agreement for Compensation Unit 4 that the legal basis for the cited provisions will be resolved in the courts and that the Council’s approval does not constitute the Council taking sides in the litigation.

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.

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)).