To amend the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007 to require the construction of a new community hospital on the St. Elizabeths campus; to establish the East End Medical Center Fund; and to establish the East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program within the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “East End Health Care Desert, Retail Desert, and Food Desert Elimination Act of 2017”.

TITLE I. EAST END MEDICAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING.

Sec. 101 The Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.01 et seq.), is amended by adding a new section 13 and 14 to read as follows:
"Sec. 13. East End Medical Center.

(a) The Department of Health Care Finance shall establish a new capital project, the East End Medical Center, HT01-UMV01.

(b) The East End Medical Center shall be constructed on the Saint Elizabeths East Campus, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Approximately $330 million shall be allocated to fully fund site planning, design, and construction of a high-quality full-service community hospital that is sufficient to meet the emergency health care needs of the District residents on east end of the city, an urgent care center, and an ambulatory care clinic;

(2)(A) The District of Columbia shall lease the East End Medical Center to a private operator for 90 years at a cost of $1 per year, and shall retain the right to terminate the lease if agreed upon patient-care metrics are not met.

(B) The lessee shall be responsible for maintaining the capital facilities of the East End Medical Center."

(c) There is established as a special fund, the East End Medical Center Fund ("Fund"), which shall be administered by the Department of Health Care Finance in accordance with paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection.

(1) Funds from the following sources shall be deposited into the Fund:

(A) Annual appropriations;

(B) Any funds designated by § 47-392.02(j-2)(4)(B)

(2) Money in the Fund shall be used:

(A) To complete the capital projects identified in subsection (a) of this section; and
"(B) At the discretion of the Director of the Department of Health Care Finance, funds may be transferred to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development’s East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program, upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that funds are not budgeted or contractually encumbered to the capital projects identified in subsection (a) of this section.

"(3)(A) The money deposited into the Fund shall not revert to the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal year, or at any other time.

"(B) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation.”.

"(d) The Fund shall sunset upon the completion of the capital project identified in subsection (a) of this section and the completion of 5 eligible projects through the East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program.

TITLE II. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST END GROCERY AND RETAIL INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Sec. 201. Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the District of Columbia Official is amended by adding a new subchapter XVI to read as follows:

"Subchapter XVI. East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program.”.

"§ 2-1228.01.

“(a) There is established the East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program “(Program”) to do the following:

“(1) Attract affordable grocery and retail shopping opportunities to underserved
Areas;

“(2) Pay for the construction costs of new large anchor stores that provide affordable grocery and retail to the residents of Wards 7 and 8.

“(b) Funding for Program shall be provided by:

“(1) Annual appropriations; and

“(2) Funds transferred from the East End Medical Center Fund.”.

“(c) Subject to the approval of the Council by resolution, the Mayor of the District of Columbia is authorized to pay for the cost of site preparation and infrastructure development, design, and construction for large anchor stores that sell affordably priced groceries and retail goods on the follow sites:

“(1) Skyland Town Center;

“(2) Capitol Gateway;

“(3) East River Park;

“(4) St. Elizabeths East Campus; and

“(5) United Medical Center.

“(d)(1) If an anchor store, built under subsection (c) of this section, is constructed on District-owned land, then the District shall lease the store for $1 per year, but shall retain ownership of the building.

“(2)(A) An anchor store, built under subsection (c) of this section, that ceases to operate in less than 30 years, shall owe the District for a portion of the cost of construction of the store.

“(B) The anchor store’s liability for the cost of construction shall be
forgiven annually by the District by dividing the amount owed evenly by 30 years, and subtracting the years that the store has been in operation.

TITLE III. APPLICABILITY; FISCAL IMPACT; EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 301. Applicability.

(a) Section 13(b) of Title I of this act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

(b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council of the certification.

(c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in the District of Columbia Register.

(2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the applicability of this act.

Sec. 302. Fiscal impact statement


Sec. 303. Effective date.

The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by6 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.