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### Overview

Provides that the following Metropolitan Council employees are "essential employees" under the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA): operating engineers, electrical workers, pipefitters, and machinists employed to repair, maintain, or operate the metropolitan disposal system.

#### Section

- 1**      **Essential employees.** Provides that the following Metropolitan Council employees are "essential employees" under PELRA: operating engineers, electrical workers, pipefitters, and machinists employed to repair, maintain, or operate the metropolitan disposal system. As "essential employees", these employees: would be in separate bargaining units from other employees; would not have the right to legally strike; and would (at the request of the employer or an exclusive representative) have impasses in bargaining resolved by binding interest arbitration.
- 2**      **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.