

Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980 to clarify a provision related to civil liability for donated goods.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “COVID-19 Liability Clarification Emergency Declaration of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On April 20, 2020, the Council approved the COVID-19 Supplemental Corrections Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (Bill 23-735).

(a) Bill 23-735 included a subtitle regarding civil liability with regard to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(b) The emergency measure inadvertently left out the term donation with regard to the covered actions for which there may be no civil liability.

(c) This technical amendment is necessary to clarify that donors of certain items to the District should have the same liability protection afforded to volunteers and contractors.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the COVID-19 Liability Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.