

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to the expiration of the Engineering License Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, with respect to the need to amend D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.133 to re-establish an exemption for engaging in engineering work without a license for employees and consultants of the District government and independent agencies who are under the supervision of a professional engineer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as “Engineering Licensure Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022.”

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the underlying emergency measure is to ensure that the operations of government or independent agencies are not negatively affected by potential enforcement actions related to agency compliance with engineering licensure requirements pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.133. The emergency measure temporarily re-establishes an exemption to engineering licensure requirements for agency employees who may need to engage in engineering work while under the supervision of a professional engineer who can verify that his or her work is in compliance with all applicable laws and rules of the District. The exemption was repealed by D.C. Law 21-272 in 2017.

(b) The Engineering License Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 will expire on May 5, 2022. A permanent bill, the Engineering Licensure Amendment Act of 2021 (Bill 24-526), was

35 introduced on November 30, 2021 and is pending in the Committee of the Whole. The  
36 Committee held a hearing on the permanent bill on April 25, 2022. An emergency enactment is  
37 necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

38           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
39 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the “Engineering  
40 Licensure Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” be adopted after a single reading.

41           Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.