

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Christina Henderson

RE: Notice of Intent to Move an Amendment at the December 17, 2024, Legislative Meeting

DATE: December 12, 2024

I intend to move the following amendment at the December 17, 2024, Legislative Meeting:

- Henderson Amendment #1 to B25-1047, the Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2024
- Henderson Amendment #1 to B25-1048, the Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2024

At the December 3, 2024, Legislative Meeting, an amendment that expanded the intended scope of B25-1047, the Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 was offered and accepted. The intent of the amendment was to permit restaurants that do not serve alcohol but are open late to refuse cash as a form of payment, but the impact of the amendment is that all restaurants would be able to refuse cash as a form of payment. To conform the legislative language with legislative intent, I will offer an amendment to the emergency legislation that clarifies and refines the applicability of the legislation and includes the content of all amendments offered at the December 3, 2024, Legislative Meeting.

This amendment would permit a retail establishment with a valid on-premises Class C or Class D retailer license or a restaurant location that operates 24 hours a day or operates at 3:00 am at least 2 days a week would be able to refuse cash as a form of payment, provided that such establishments display written, conspicuous notice to the public that cash payments are not accepted on the door of the establishment or menu.

I will also offer an identical amendment to B25-1048, the Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2024 which will conform the temporary measure with the amended emergency measure.

Draft measures are attached. Please contact my Legislative Director, Gabrielle Rogoff, at grogoff@dccouncil.gov, or my Senior Legislative Assistant, Nicholas (Nico) Pcholkin, at npcholkin@dccouncil.gov with any questions regarding the amendment.