

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to approve the development and financing agreement for the redevelopment of the downtown arena; approve an agreement for the disposition by lease of certain real property owned by the District government for the use and operation of the downtown arena; approve a purchase and sale agreement for the downtown arena; authorize the granting of certain easements related to the downtown arena property; authorize airspace leases associated with the downtown arena; continue and provide for property tax abatements and deed transfer and recordation tax exemptions for the downtown arena; and authorize the issuance of rules to provide for additional signage on the downtown arena.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Downtown Arena Revitalization Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) On December 3, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the “Downtown Arena Revitalization Emergency Act of 2024.” The Emergency Act became law on December 17, 2024, and is scheduled to expire on March 17, 2025.

(b) On December 17, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the “Downtown Arena Revitalization Act of 2024.” The permanent version of this legislation was transmitted to Congress on February 13, 2025, and has a projected law date of April 3, 2025.

(c) In order to address the imminent gap in the law between the expiration of the Emergency Act and the effective date of the permanent legislation, it is necessary to approve congressional review emergency legislation

36           Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute  
37 emergency circumstances making it necessary that the that the Downtown Arena Revitalization  
38 Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

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

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