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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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14 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Second Chance  
15 Amendment Act of 2022 to clarify the timeline for the automatic sealing of  
16 nonconvictions.  
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
19 resolution may be cited as the “Second Chance Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution  
20 of 2025”.

21 Sec. 2. (a) D.C. Law 24-284, the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022 (“Second  
22 Chance”), was enacted in 2023 to expand the categories of criminal records and court  
23 proceedings eligible for sealing or expungement.

24 (b) Second Chance has subsequently been amended multiple times updating the effective  
25 dates, applicability dates, and deadlines for action, in D.C. Law L25-50, the Fiscal Year 2024  
26 Budget Support Act of 2023; D.C. Law 25-175, the Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of  
27 2024; and D.C. Law 25-217, the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024.

28 (c) The Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety identified two previous drafting  
29 errors in amendatory Section 16-805(c)(1) of Second Chance that would inadvertently move up  
30 the timeline of certain provisions of the law by more than two years and would immediately  
31 deem the implementing agencies noncompliant for the previous two years.

32 (d) Therefore, emergency legislation is needed to resolve these errors.

33           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
34 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Second Chance  
35 Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

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