



Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, section 25-723 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow the ABC Board to extend the hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for cultural events, sporting events, or tourism-related events for licensees registered with the ABC Board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “On-Premises and On-Site Extended Hours Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2025”.

Sec. 2. Section 25-723 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) A new subsection (g) is added to read as follows:

“(g)(1) Except as provided in § 25-724, for a licensee operating under an on-premises retailer's license, manufacturer's license holding an on-site sales and consumption permit, or a temporary license, the Board may extend the hours of sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m., and the hours of operation to 24 hours a day, for cultural events, sporting events, or tourism-related events, if the licensee:

“(A) Registers with the Board;

29                   “(B) Pays a minimum registration fee of \$100; and

30                   “(C) Provides written notice no later than 3 calendar days before the first day of  
31 the cultural event, sporting event, or tourism-related event to the Board of its extended hours of  
32 operation, sales, service, and consumption.

33                   “(2) The Board shall provide written notification to the Metropolitan Police Department  
34 at least 48 hours before extended hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption under this  
35 subsection will take effect. The written notification shall include the list of establishments  
36 eligible to participate in the extended hours under this subsection.

37                   “(3) To the extent feasible, the Board shall provide notice of extended hours of operation,  
38 sales, service, and consumption pursuant to this subsection in the District of Columbia Register,  
39 and shall, within 24 hours of that publication, post notice of these extended hours on ABCA’s  
40 website.

41                   “(4) The fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Alcoholic  
42 Beverage and Cannabis Administration Fund established by § 25-210.”

43                   “(5) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

44                   “(A) “Cultural event” means an event or gathering that aims to highlight the  
45 customs, arts, music, dances, or cuisines of various cultures through performances and displays  
46 of artistic expression.

47                   “(B) “Sporting event” means a professional or amateur event involving a game or  
48 athletic competition that occurs either once annually or every four years that is organized by a  
49 league or association.

50                   “(C) “Tourism-related event” means an event, such as a major festival,  
51 convention, or trade show, with the potential to attract visitors from outside a 50-mile radius of  
52 the District, and that is likely to produce a significant positive financial impact for the District.”.

53                   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

54                   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
55 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
56 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

57                   Sec. 4. Effective date.

58                   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
59 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
60 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
61 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
62 D.C. Code § 1-204.12(a)).