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Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend section 205 of the Clemency Board Establishment Act of 2018 to authorize the Clemency Board of the District of Columbia to, for applicants seeking a pardon, grant a waiver of the five-year waiting period.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Clemency Board Waiver Authority Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) On March 4, 2025, the Council approved the Clemency Board Waiver Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2025, effective March 20, 2025 (D.C. Act 26-27; 72 DCR 3320) (“emergency measure”). The emergency measure is set to expire on June 18, 2025.

(b) The Clemency Board Waiver Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2025 (B26-37) was approved by the Council on final reading at the April 1, 2025, legislative meeting. Because the temporary measure must undergo congressional review, it will not be in effect before the emergency measure expires.

(c) This congressional review emergency is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency measure and effective date of the temporary measure.

35           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
36 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Clemency Board  
37 Waiver Authority Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2025 be adopted after a  
38 single reading.

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