



Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To amend the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and the District of Columbia National
2 Guard Armory Public Safety Act of 1977, on an emergency basis, to include the
3 Downtown Arena and the Southeast Arena in the prohibition on unauthorized entry onto
4 a playing surface.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
7 act may be cited as the “Arena Safety Conformity Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”.

8 Sec. 2. The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and the District of Columbia National
9 Guard Armory Public Safety Act of 1977, effective November 11, 1977, (D.C. Law 2-37; D.C.
10 Official Code § 3-341 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

11 (a) Section 3a (D.C. Official Code § 3-342.01) is amended as follows:

12 (1) A new paragraph (1A) is added to read as follows:

13 “(1A) “Downtown Arena” means a sports and entertainment arena located at 601
14 F St. N.W.

15 (2) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

16 “(3) “Southeast Arena” means a sports and entertainment arena located at 1100
17 Oak Dr. S.E.”.

18 (b) Section 4b (D.C. Official Code § 3-343.02) is amended as follows:

19 (1) New subsections (b-2) and (b-3) are added to read as follows:

20 “(b-2) Unless expressly authorized by the operator of the Downtown Arena, or its duly
21 authorized agents, no person shall at any time enter onto any portion of the playing surface
22 within the Downtown Arena.

23 “(b-3) Unless expressly authorized by the Washington Convention and Sports Authority,
24 the lessee or operator of the Southeast Arena, or their duly authorized agents, no person shall at
25 any time enter onto any portion of the playing surface within the Southeast Arena.”.

26 (2) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

27 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term “playing field” or “playing surface”, as
28 applicable, means the area encompassed by the seating facilities within the Robert F. Kennedy
29 Memorial Stadium, the Baseball Stadium, the Soccer Stadium, the Downtown Arena, or the
30 Southeast Arena, as such seating facilities may be arranged from time to time.”.

31 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

35 Sec. 4. Effective date.

36 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
38 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
39 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
40 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).