



Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need
2 to amend section 205 of the Clemency Board Establishment Act of 2018 to authorize the
3 Clemency Board to, for applicants seeking a pardon, grant a waiver of the 5-year waiting
4 period.

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6 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
7 resolution may be cited as the “Clemency Board Waiver Authority Congressional Review
8 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

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10 Sec. 2. (a) On January 6, 2026, the Council adopted the Clemency Board Waiver
11 Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2026, effective February 27, 2026 (D.C. Act 26-253;
12 73 DCR 1078) (“emergency act”), which expires on May 28, 2026.

13 (b) On February 3, 2026, the Council adopted the Clemency Board Waiver Authority
14 Temporary Amendment Act of 2026, enacted on March 2, 2026 (D.C. Act 26-274, 73 DCR
15 3151) (“temporary act”), which has not yet completed congressional review.

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

18 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
19 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the

20 Clemency Board Waiver Authority Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2026
21 be adopted after a single reading.

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