

Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Ballpark Omnibus Financing and Revenue Act of 2004 and section 47-2762 of the District of Columbia Official Code to authorize the deposit of sports facilities fees in Fiscal Year 2027 into the Ballpark Preservation and Improvement Fund for the purpose of repaying early redemption borrowing made to maintain the timeline for full repayment of the bonds used to build the Nationals Ballpark, and to make conforming amendments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Ballpark Bonds Loan Repayment Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 102a of the Ballpark Omnibus Financing and Revenue Act of 2004, effective March 7, 2025 (D.C. Law 15-320; D.C. Official Code § 10-1601.02a), is amended by adding a new subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

“(c-1) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, in Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-2762(d), the revenues received by the District from the sports facilities fee imposed by D.C. Official Code § 47-2762 shall be deposited in the Fund and shall be used as follows:

“(1) All amounts up to \$49,505,000, shall be used to pay the debt service on any ballpark early redemption borrowing and to pay debt service on the bonds for the RFK

infrastructure financing and fund any reserves required under the indenture for the RFK infrastructure financing as described in § 10-1605.31(c)(1) and (2).

“(2) The remainder shall be transferred to the General Fund of the District of Columbia.”.

(b) Section 12(a)(2) of the Robert F. Kennedy Campus Redevelopment Amendment Act of 2025, effective November 21, 2025 (D.C. Law 26-54; D.C. Official Code 10-1605.11(a)(2)), is amended by striking the phrase “RFK Campus Infrastructure Fund” and inserting the phrase “RFK Campus Infrastructure Fund and, in Fiscal Year 2027, revenue from the sports facilities fee deposited in the Ballpark Preservation and Improvement Fund pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-2762(d)(1)” in its place.

(c) Section 2052(d)(1)(A) of the RFK Campus Infrastructure Fund Establishment Act of 2025, effective December 6, 2025 (D.C. Law 26-55; D.C. Official Code 10-1605.31(d)(1)(A)), is amended by striking the phrase “In Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027” and inserting the phrase “In Fiscal Year 2026” in its place.

Sec. 3. Section 47-2762(d) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended to read as follows:

“(d) The revenues received by the District from the sports facilities fee imposed by this section shall be deposited into the Ballpark Revenue Fund; except, that after all principal and interest on the bonds issued pursuant to § 10-1601.03 has been paid:

“(1) In Fiscal Year 2027, the revenues shall be deposited in the Ballpark Preservation and Improvement Fund, established pursuant to § 10-1601.02a; and

“(2) In all subsequent fiscal years, the revenues shall be deposited in the RFK Campus Infrastructure Fund established by § 10-1605.31.”.

56 Sec. 4. Applicability.

57 This act shall apply as of October 1, 2026.

58 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

62 Sec. 6. Effective date.

63 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
64 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
65 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
66 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
67 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).