



Councilmember Christina Henderson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend section 28-5404 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow retail establishments with a valid on-premises Class C or Class D retailer license to refuse cash as a form of payment in certain circumstances.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 30, 2026, the Council adopted the “Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”. The Act became law on July 22, 2026, and is set to expire on October 20, 2026.

(b) On July 14, 2026, the Council adopted the “Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2026”. The temporary measure is currently under Congressional review.

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

34 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
35 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
36 Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2026
37 be adopted after a single reading.

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