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21 To amend section 47-2826 of the District of Columbia Official Code to ensure that a person or
22 entity responsible for the staging and operation of a special event in the District holds a
23 basic business license and an Entertainment endorsement to such license, to establish a
24 safety qualification program for technicians employed in the staging of special events by
25 requiring that at least one member of the staging crew hold a rigger's certification, to
26 require that all persons employed in such operations complete a minimum safety training
27 course prior to working on the event, and to impose penalties for violation of this act
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COUMBIA, that this act
30 may be cited as the "Special Events Safety Certification Amendment Act of 2019".

31 Sec. 2. Section 47-2826 of the District of Columbia Office Code is amended by adding a
32 new subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

33 "(d-1)(1) A person or entity responsible for the staging or operation of an event
34 shall hold a license in accordance with this section, and shall comply with the following
35 requirements:

36 "(A) The license holder shall ensure that at least 1 person who holds
37 a rigger's certification on-site at all times during the event. For the purposes of this subparagraph

38 the term “rigger’s certification” means a certification obtained from the Entertainment Technician
39 Certification Program of the Entertainment Services and Technology Association.

40 “(B) The license holder shall ensure that any person performing
41 manual labor or technical work of any nature in connection with the event, including but not
42 limited to erecting or building stages, installing or operating lights, installing or operating sound
43 systems, or performing rigging work, electrical work or general labor duties, has completed the 10
44 hour general industry training established by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety
45 and Health Administration.

46 “(2)(A) The license holder shall maintain copies of certification and training
47 records relating to this subsection on-site at all times during the event and keep such documents
48 for not less than 3 years after the date the event ended. Any records retained pursuant to this
49 paragraph of this subsection shall be open and made available for inspection by the Mayor upon
50 demand at any reasonable time.

51 “(B) No license holder may be found in violation of subparagraph
52 (A) of this paragraph unless the license holder had an opportunity to challenge the Mayor’s demand
53 before a judge, including an administrative law judge.

54 “(C) All certifications and records relating to this subsection in the
55 possession of the District government shall be made available for inspection on the Department of
56 Consumer and Regulatory Affairs website.

57 “(3) The license holder shall ensure that a sign is affixed to the stage or
58 stages used in the event that includes the name and license number of the license holder in letters
59 that are at least two inches in height. The sign must be placed in a conspicuous manner sufficient
60 to permit public inspection.

61 “(4)(A) A civil fine of \$1,000 per day shall be imposed on a license holder
62 who has violated the provisions of this subsection; provided that, a license holder
63 shall incur a civil fine of \$1,000 per day, per person for a violation of subsection (d-1)(1)(B) of
64 this section.

65 “(B) A license holder who commits more than one violation of this
66 subsection during a 6-month period shall have its license suspended. The term of this suspension
67 shall not be less than one year and not longer than three years as determined by the Mayor.

68 “(5) No administrative penalty or suspension may be imposed unless the
69 Mayor has provided any license holder alleged to have violated any of the provisions of this
70 subsection of this section notification of the violation, notification of the penalty to be imposed,
71 and an opportunity to request a formal hearing pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative
72 Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1203; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*)”.

73 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

74 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
75 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
76 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

77 Sec. 4. Effective date.

78 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor or in the event of veto by the
79 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto, a 30-day period of congressional review as
80 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
81 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1), and publication in the District of
82 Columbia Register.

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