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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend An Act To establish and provide for the maintenance of a free public library and reading room in the District of Columbia to permit the District of Columbia Public Library to promote, endorse, co-sponsor, solicit for, or collaborate with charitable organizations whose sole mission is to support the public library; and to engage in certain revenue-generating activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Public Library Partnership and Sponsorship Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. An Act To establish and provide for the maintenance of a free public library and reading room in the District of Columbia, approved June 3, 1896 (29 Stat. 244; D.C. Official Code § 39-101 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 5(a) (D.C. Official Code § 39-105(a)) is amended as follows:

- (1) Paragraph (14)(C) is amended by striking the period and inserting a semicolon in its place.
- (2) Paragraph (15) is amended by striking the period and inserting a semicolon in its place.

33 (3) Paragraph (16)(D) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase
34 “; and” in its place.

35 (4) A new paragraph (17) is added to read as follows:

36 “(17)(A) Notwithstanding section 231(b) of The Board of Ethics and Government
37 Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011,
38 effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.31(b)), or any other
39 provision of the law, have the authority, through its Chief Librarian or Executive Director or his
40 or her designees, to:

41 “(I) Promote, endorse, co-sponsor, solicit for, or collaborate
42 with charitable organizations whose sole mission is to support the public library;

43 “(II) Contract for advertisements for and sponsorships of
44 the public library for programming and facilities improvements for the purpose of generating
45 resources for the public library or charitable organizations that support the public library;

46 “(III) Sell tickets to select public library events or events
47 benefitting a charitable organization whose sole mission is to support the public library;

48 “(B) Deposit revenue generated for the purpose of benefitting the Library
49 from subparagraphs (II) and (III) of this section into the DCPL Revenue-Generating Activities
50 Fund in accordance with section 117.

51 “(C) Issue rules to implement the provisions of this paragraph.”

52 (b) Section 7 (D.C. Official Code § 39-107) is amended by striking the phrase “shall be
53 deposited into the Library Collections Account established by section 14.” and inserting the
54 phrase “shall be deposited into the DCPL Revenue-Generating Activities Fund in accordance
55 with section 17.”

56 (c) Section 14 (D.C. Official Code § 39-114) is amended by repealing subsections (a)(1)
57 and (2).

58 (d) The second section 15 (D.C. Official Code § 39-117) is amended as follows:

59 (1) Strike the phrase “Sec. 15” and insert the phrase “Sec. 17” in its place.

60 (2) Subsection (a) is amended as by striking the phrase “There is established as a
61 special fund” and inserting the phrase “There is established as a non-lapsing special fund” in its
62 place;

63 (3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “services described in section
64 5(a)(14) and (16)” and inserting the phrase “services described in sections 105(a)(14), (16),
65 (17)(A)(II) and (III); and 107.” in its place;

66 (4) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

67 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting
68 a semicolon in its place.

69 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the period and inserting the
70 phrase “; and” in its place.

71 (C) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

72 “(3) To support the operations of the District of Columbia Public Library
73 including programming, and facilities improvements, and to purchase food, snacks, and non-
74 alcoholic beverages for the general public, District of Columbia Public Library program
75 participants, and District government employees.”.

76 (e) A new subsection (d) is added to read as follows:

77 “(d) The money deposited into the fund shall not revert to the unrestricted fund
78 balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal year, or at any
79 other time.”

80 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

81 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
82 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
83 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

84 Sec. 5. Effective date.

85 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
86 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
87 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
88 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
89 Columbia Register.