

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION

23-52

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Law to Legalize Lotteries, Daily Numbers Games, and Bingo and Raffles for Charitable Purposes in the District of Columbia to authorize sports wagering in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sports Wagering Lottery Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court, in *Murphy v. NCAA*, 138 S. Ct. 1461, 200 L. Ed. 2d 854, (2018), overturned the prohibition under the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of state authorization of sports gambling, licensing of sports gambling, or private actors sponsoring, operating, or promoting sports gambling.

(b) In December 2018, the Council enacted the Sports Wagering Lottery Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, effective January 30, 2019 (D.C. Act 22-630; 66 DCR 1745) (“Emergency Act”), to authorize sports wagering. The Emergency Act will expire on April 30, 2019.

(c) Permanent legislation, the Sports Wagering Lottery Amendment Act of 2018, enacted on January 23, 2019 (D.C. Act 22-594; 66 DCR 1402) (“Permanent Act”), was transmitted to Congress on February 7, 2019, for the 60-day review period required by section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and is not projected to become law until May 16, 2019.

(d) It is important that the provisions of the Emergency Act continue in effect, without interruption, until the Permanent Act is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sports Wagering Lottery Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.