

A RESOLUTION

25-165

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 6, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend the hours of operation, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailer, manufacturer, and temporary license holders during the 2023 Women’s World Cup Tournament.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “2023 Women’s World Cup Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) The 2023 Women’s World Cup Tournament is scheduled to occur between July 20, 2023 and August 20, 2023, in the host nations of Australia and New Zealand. This event takes place every 4 years and is a Super-Bowl-type sporting event for soccer fans. Australia and New Zealand are ahead of the District of Columbia by 14 hours and 16 hours, respectively. Notwithstanding the time difference, local soccer fans are expected to watch the 2023 Women’s World Cup tournament regardless of the hour. To meet the demand, some licensed establishments will likely want to amend their hours for this sporting event. To allow on-premises retailers, manufacturers, and temporary license holders to remain open for operation, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the hours of the Women’s World Cup tournament, as was done previously with the 2022 Federation Internationale de Football Association (“FIFA”) World Cup Tournament, emergency action is necessary so that licensees can avail themselves of the extended hours.

(b) Emergency legislation is needed to clarify that licensees seeking approval to modify their hours for the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup Tournament shall be required to register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board and provide notice to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration and Metropolitan Police Department to allow for the advance planning of staffing and resources.

(c) The emergency legislation requires registration to be completed no later than 3 calendar days before the first day of the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup Tournament. Consequently, it is necessary for the Council to pass this legislation on an emergency basis.

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Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the 2023 Women's World Cup Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.