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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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19 To establish the Ward 7 and Ward 8 Restaurant Incentive Program within the Department of
20 Small and Local Business Development to provide funding, business development assistance,
21 incubation services, and technical assistance to those seeking to open a new restaurant or food
22 establishment in Ward 7 or Ward 8.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 act may be cited as the “Ward 7 and Ward 8 Restaurant Incentive Program Establishment Act of
26 2019”.

27 Sec. 2. The Small Business and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance
28 Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.63), is
29 amended as follows:

30 “(a) A new subsection 2316 is added to read as follows:

31 “Sec.2316. Ward 7 and Ward 8 Restaurant Incentive Program.

32 “(a) The Department of Small and Local Business Development shall establish the Ward
33 7 and Ward 8 Restaurant Incentive Program “(Program”) to do the following:

34 “(1) Attract sit down restaurants and other food businesses to underserved retail
35 corridors in Ward 7 and Ward 8;

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36 “(2) Provide start up grant and loan financing to support the development of new
37 restaurants in Ward 7 and Ward 8;

38 “(3) Provide business training services to business owners seeking to open a
39 restaurant or food establishment in Ward 7 and Ward 8, including:

40 “(A) Restaurant and Food Business Enterprise Incubation Services

41 “(B) Training on the opening and management of a food establishment;

42 “(C) One-on-One small business enterprise coaching; and

43 “(D) Technical and legal support for business owners

44 (b) Funding for the Program shall be provided by:

45 “(1) Annual appropriations; and

46 “(2) Up to 10% of penalties assess by the Department pursuant to section 2363(c)
47 of the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005,
48 effective October 20, 2015 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.63(c));

49 “(c) The Department of Small and Local Business Development shall enter into a
50 contract with a non-governmental entity to conduct a study evaluating incentives for the
51 development of new restaurant and food establishments in Ward 7 and Ward 8. The study shall
52 include:

53 “(1) An assessment of the extent to which the following programs can be used to
54 incentivize the development of new restaurants and food establishments in Wards 7 and 8:

55 “(A) Washington Area Community Investment Fund;

56 “(B) Certified Capital Companies Program;

57 “(C) Work Opportunity Tax Credit; and

58 “(D) Storefront Improvement Program.

59 “(2) Recommendations to the Council regarding legislative actions it may take to
60 incentivize the development of new restaurants and food establishments in Wards 7 and Ward 8.

61 “(d) Within one year after the applicability date of this bill, the outside contractor shall
62 submit the study required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to the Council.”

63 Sec. 3. Applicability.

64 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
65 budget and financial plan.

66 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
67 an approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
68 of the certification.

69 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
70 the District of Columbia Register.

71 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
72 applicability of this act.

73 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

77 Sec. 5. 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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