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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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8 To amend section 25-723 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide the Alcoholic
9 Beverage Control Board with the authority to extend the hours of operation, sale, service,
10 and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailers or manufacturers
11 holding an on-site sales and consumption permit that are registered in the extended hours
12 program, and for temporary license holders, during home and away postseason games of
13 any District professional sports team.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

15 act may be cited as the “District of Champions Extension of Hours Amendment Act of 2020”.

16 Sec. 2. Section 25-723 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by adding a
17 new subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

18 “(c-1)(1) Except as provided in § 25-724, the Board may extend the hours of operation,
19 sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages during postseason games in which a
20 District professional sports team is a participant for licensees registered with the Board to
21 participate in the extension of hours program under subsection (c) of this section.

22 “(2) If the Board extends the hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption
23 of alcoholic beverages during a postseason game pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, a
24 licensee registered with the Board in the extension of hours program under § 25-723(c) may sell,
25 serve, and allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m. and operate 24 hours a day

26 for the postseason game day.

27 “(3) The Board shall provide written notification to the Metropolitan Police
28 Department at least 48 hours before extended hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption
29 under this subsection will take effect. The written notification shall include the list of
30 establishments eligible to participate in the extended hours under this subsection.

31 “(4) To the extent feasible, the Board shall provide notice of its decision to extend
32 the hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption pursuant to this subsection in the District
33 of Columbia Register. The Board shall also post notice of its decision on ABRA’s website
34 within 24 hours after its decision.

35 “(5) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

36 “(A) “District professional sports team” means a professional baseball,
37 basketball, football, hockey, soccer, or tennis team that plays its home games or matches in the
38 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division as defined by the
39 Office of Management and Budget as of January 1, 2020.

40 “(B) “Postseason game” means a professional baseball, basketball,
41 football, hockey, soccer, or tennis playoff or championship game.”.

42 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

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46 Sec. 4. Effective date.

47 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
48 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
49 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
50 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
51 Columbia Register.