

A RESOLUTION

22-714

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 18, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency 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 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

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) As a result of the Court’s decision that jurisdictions are not prohibited from legalizing and regulating sports wagering, the Council passed the Sports Wagering Lottery Amendment Act of 2018, passed on 2nd reading on December 18, 2018 (Enrolled version of Bill 22-944) (“permanent legislation”).

(c) The permanent legislation needs to complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will likely not become law until late February.

(d) It is important that the provisions of the permanent legislation become law as soon as possible so that the Office of Lottery and Gaming can begin preparing to regulate and operate sports wagering.

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 Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.