

A RESOLUTION

24-589

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 12, 2022

To declare the existence of an emergency, to the need to amend section 16-5505 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify that Chapter 55 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code shall not apply to any claim brought by the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Anti-SLAPP Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) On November 2, 2021, the Council passed the Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective November 8, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-208; 68 DCR 12193) (“emergency act”). The emergency act expired on February 6, 2022.

(b) On December 7, 2021, the Council passed the Anti-SLAPP Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective February 24, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-80; 69 DCR 209) (“temporary law”). The temporary law is set to expire on October 7, 2022.

(c) This second round of emergency and temporary legislation is now necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the temporary law and the passage of permanent legislation.

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 Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.