

A RESOLUTION

24-606

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2022

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 2022 World Cup Tournament.

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

Sec. 2. (a) The 2022 World Cup Tournament is scheduled to occur between November 20, 2022 and December 18, 2022 in the host nation of Qatar. This event takes place every 4 years and is a Super-Bowl-type sporting event for soccer fans. Qatar is 7 hours ahead of the District of Columbia. Notwithstanding the time difference, local soccer fans are expected to watch the 2022 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 World Cup tournament, as has been done previously, emergency action is necessary so that these 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 2022 World Cup Tournament shall be required to register with ABRA and MPD 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 2022 World Cup Tournament. Consequently, it is necessary for the Council to pass this legislation on an emergency basis.

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 2022 World Cup Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.