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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, section 25-723 of the District of Columbia Official Code to extend the hours of operation, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailers, manufacturers holding an on-site sales and consumption permit, and temporary license holders for the 2023 World Culture Festival and the Art All Night and Dine All Night events, to allow and establish indoor and outdoor entertainment hours for businesses that register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the Art All Night and Dine All Night events, and to allow non-alcohol licensees that hold a valid certificate of occupancy to register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board to sell, serve, and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages during the Art All Night and Dine All Night events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “2023 World Culture Festival, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

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

“(g)(1) Except as provided in § 25-724, a licensee under an on-premises retailer’s license, manufacturer’s license holding an on-site sales and consumption permit, or a temporary license may during the 2023 World Culture Festival, and the Art All Night or Dine All Night events, operate 24 hours a day and sell, serve, and allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. if the licensee:

38 “(A) Registers with the Board prior to extending its hours of operation,
39 sales, service, and consumption;

40 “(B) Pays a registration fee of \$100; and

41 “(C) Provides written notification, no later than September 28, 2023, to the
42 Board and the Metropolitan Police Department of its extended hours of operation, sales, service,
43 and consumption.

44 “(2) A non-alcohol licensee that holds a valid certificate of occupancy that has
45 registered with the Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD”) to
46 participate in Art All Night or Dine All Night may also register with the Board pursuant to the
47 requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

48 “(3) Eligible alcohol and non-alcohol licensees that register with the Board that
49 have also registered with DSLBD to participate in Art All Night or Dine All Night may offer
50 outdoor entertainment until 11 p.m. and indoor entertainment until 2 a.m. during those dates that
51 they are registered to participate.

52 “(4) The fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the
53 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration Fund established by § 25-210.

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

55 “(A) “Art All Night” means an annual arts festival organized by DSLBD
56 that celebrates visual and performing arts that takes place in all 8 wards occurring on the
57 evenings of September 29, 2023 and September 30, 2023.

58 “(B) Dine All Night” means an all-night dining and culinary event
59 organized by DSLBD that involves qualifying restaurants and food establishments occurring
60 from September 21, 2023 through October 1, 2023.

61 “(C) “World Culture Festival” means the celebration of diverse culture,
62 art, and spiritual observation on the National Mall organized by the Art of Living foundation
63 occurring from September 29, 2023 through October 1, 2023.

64 “(6) This subsection shall expire on October 2, 2023.”.

65 Sec 3. Fiscal impact statement.

66 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
67 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
68 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

69 Sec. 4. Effective date.

70 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
71 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
72 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
73 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
74 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).