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Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr.

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to immediately approve measures designed to create a certified business enterprise and small business enterprise written waiver certification that adheres to the spirit and intent of the law.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as “Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Waiver Certification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2.(a) Certain legitimate concerns were raised concerning the District Department of Small and Local Business Development’s waiver grant of the recent re-issue of the DC Lottery contract solicitation.

(b) This created a tremendous sense of confusion, frustration and undermines the confidence of the public and the small business community in the law.

(c) In 2013 and up to January, 2014 there were 75 waiver requests submitted to the Department of Small and Local Business Development from various District agencies.

(d) This legislation is required to create a accountable, transparent, credible and fair procurement process for all and that eliminates the perceived abuse of agency discretion.

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 Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance

1 Waiver Certification Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 be adopted after a single
2 reading.

3 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.