

1 A RESOLUTION

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4 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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7 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the hours of operation, sale,  
8 service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailer license  
9 holders during the 2018 World Cup Tournament and the hours of operation, sale,  
10 service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailers,  
11 manufacturers and temporary license holders during the 2018 All-Star Game.

12 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That  
13 this resolution may be cited as the “2018 All-Star Game and World Cup Emergency  
14 Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

15 Sec. 2. (a) Barring an exception, D.C. Official Code § 25-723(a) sets forth the  
16 hours of operation, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises  
17 retailers and temporary license holders. Specifically, the law provides that an on-  
18 premises retailer’s license or temporary license may sell or serve alcoholic beverages on  
19 any day and at any time except between 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday,  
20 and 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, excluding District and federal holidays.

21 (b) Section 25-721(c) of the D.C. Official Code provides that a manufacturer  
22 may sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and midnight, Monday  
23 through Sunday.

24 (c) In the summer 2018, two major sporting events will take place which are  
25 likely to yield significant revenue for the District of Columbia. First, the Fédération  
26 Internationale de Football Association will host the 2018 World Cup Tournament in  
27 Russia. This event takes place every 4 years and is a Super Bowl-type of sporting event

1 for soccer fans. Russia, however, is several hours ahead of the District of Columbia.  
2 Notwithstanding, local soccer fans are expected to watch the 2018 World Cup  
3 Tournament regardless of the hour. In order to meet the demand, licensed establishments  
4 will likely want to amend their hours for this sporting event. In order to allow on-  
5 premise retailers to remain open for operation, sale, service, and consumption of  
6 alcoholic beverages during the hours of the World Cup Tournament as it has previously,  
7 emergency action is necessary so that licensees can avail themselves of the extended  
8 hours.

9 (d) The second major sporting event will take place right here in the District of  
10 Columbia. The 2018 All-Star Game will take place for the first time in the District. The  
11 District anticipates thousands of people will travel to our city for this event. This will  
12 lead to substantial revenues for the District; thus, allowing it to pay for critical services  
13 for residents. Similar to the World Cup Tournament, licensed establishments will likely  
14 want to be able to operate, sell, serve, and allow for the consumption of alcoholic  
15 beverages for a longer period of time. In order to allow on-premise retailers,  
16 manufacturers, and temporary license holders to avail themselves of extended hours  
17 during the 2018 All-Star Game Tournament, emergency action is necessary.

18 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
19 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
20 2018 All-Star Game and World Cup Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted  
21 after a single reading.

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

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