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2 Councilmember Jack Evans
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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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7 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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12 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Law to Legalize
13 Lotteries, Daily Numbers Games, and Bingo and Raffles for Charitable Purposes in the
14 District of Columbia to authorize sports wagering in the District of Columbia.
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16 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 resolution may be cited as the “Sports Wagering Lottery Emergency Declaration Act of 2018”.

18 Sec. 2.(a) In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court, in *Murphy v. NCAA*, (138 S.
19 Ct. 1461, 200 L. Ed. 2d 854, (2018)), overturned the prohibition under the Professional and
20 Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) of state authorization of sports gambling, licensing of
21 sports gambling, or private actors sponsoring, operating, or promoting sports gambling.

22 (b) As a result of the Court’s decision that jurisdictions are not prohibited from legalizing
23 and regulating sports wagering, the Council passed the Sports Wagering Lottery Amendment Act
24 of 2018, passed on 1st reading on December 4, 2018 (Engrossed version of Bill 22-944)
25 (“permanent legislation”).

26 (c) The permanent legislation, which is necessary for the Office of Lottery and Gaming to
27 begin preparing to regulate and operate sports wagering in the District, is scheduled for 2nd
28 reading on December 18, 2018, and will not be law by January 1, 2019.

29 (d) It is important that the provisions of the permanent legislation become law as soon as
30 possible so that the Office of Lottery and Gaming can begin preparing to regulate and operate
31 sports wagering.

32 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
33 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that Sports
34 Wagering Lottery Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

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