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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** October 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – District of Champions Extension of Hours  
Amendment Act of 2020

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-706, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on October 7, 2020

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

**Background**

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) allows licensed establishments holding on-site sales and consumption permits to serve alcohol for extended hours on various holidays and during inauguration week. The exceptions granted by the Board allow establishments to sell beverages until 4:00 a.m. and to operate for 24-hours.<sup>1</sup> The Board must pre-approve licensees to participate in these extended hours opportunities. The Board also approves one-time exceptions for extended hours outside of these prescribed occasions, when appropriate.

The bill establishes an additional exception to allow extended sales and operating hours when any District professional sports team<sup>2</sup> is participating in a postseason game or match. The exception is

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<sup>1</sup> Title 25, D.C. Code Enactment and Related Amendments Act of 2001, effective May 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-298; D.C. Official Code §§ 25-723(c) and (e)).

<sup>2</sup> District sports teams are those that play their home games or matches in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

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available to pre-approved licensees.<sup>3</sup> The exception applies to playoff games or matches played by professional soccer, tennis, hockey, baseball, football, or basketball teams. The bill requires the Board to notify the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) at least 48 hours prior to the extended hours taking effect and include the list of participating licensees.

The bill does not change restrictions imposed during the public health emergency,<sup>4</sup> so any exceptions granted by the Board will be subject to such restrictions.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution. The Board has approved one-time extended hours exceptions for playoff sporting events in the past. A broader exemption for future playoff games will ease the administrative burden at the Board and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) to approve one-time exceptions during playoff games. The Board and ABRA have a night-time enforcement staff that can absorb the enforcement activities associated with this additional exception. The Board must notify MPD when establishments will operate under extended hours, but there are no additional activities required of MPD.

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<sup>3</sup> Eligible licensees include on-premises retailers, manufacturers with an onsite sales and consumption permit, and a temporary license holder that is allowed to participate in the extended hours program.

<sup>4</sup> Declaration of Public Emergency and Declaration of Public Health Emergency, declared March 11, 2020 (Mayor's Order 2020-45 and 2020-46).