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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to define the term “miniature”; to define the term “growler”; to clarify what constitutes a nude performance; to define the term “overconcentration”; to increase the wine alcohol percentage that can be sold by retailer’s class B licensees from 14% to 15%; to allow full-service grocery stores to sell resealed containers of beer for off-premises consumption; to allow retailer’s class C and D licensees to purchase from retailer’s class A licensees when District wholesalers are closed; to make it a secondary tier violation to knowingly allow a patron to exit an on-premises establishment with an open container of alcohol; to allow caterers that also hold an on-premises retailer’s license to purchase alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler for all catered events; to allow licensed establishments to store books and records on the premises electronically; to clarify that the holder of a temporary license can receive alcoholic beverage deliveries from wholesalers up to 48 hours before an ABC Board-approved weekend or holiday event; to clarify which on-premises retail licensees are eligible to apply for a brew pub permit; to allow brew pubs to sell resealed containers of beer to consumers for off-premises consumption; to create a new wine pub permit that allows for the manufacturing and the sale of wine to consumers; to require ABRA to establish a new licensee orientation class; to place a moratorium on establishments that permit nude dancing in Ward 5; to permit the issuance of additional retailer’s class B licenses if the total number of retailer’s class B licenses is less than 300; to clarify the required elements of a security plan; to require notice of certain license applications to citizens associations registered with ABRA; to require that a protest hearing for new license applications be held within 75 days of the end of the protest hearing; to require the Board to issue written decisions for new applications within 60 days after the close of the record; to change the term “voluntary agreement” to “settlement agreement”; to clarify the settlement agreement enforcement penalties available to the Board; to clarify the conditions that are permitted to be in a settlement agreement; to create a stipulated license fee; to delete the term “new owner license renewal”; to require citizens associations to include applicants in the notice of a scheduled meeting to consider a protest and to reduce the time period of the notice from 10 days to 7 days; to require ABRA and the Board to provide certain

documents to ANCs and citizens associations upon request; to clarify the impact of a settlement agreement submitted by an affected ANC when a protest of a license application is pending; to allow Sunday alcoholic beverage sales by retailer's class A licensees; to eliminate the requirement that on-premises licensees register, pay a registration fee, and provided notice to the Board and the Police for an additional hour of alcohol sales due to daylight saving time on the 2nd Sunday of March starting in Fiscal Year 2014; to clarify that the prohibition of noise from licensed premises does not apply to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning devices; to require ABRA to maintain a complaint program; to require that windows and doors of an establishment remain open or closed, as they were at the time a complaint was made, prior to the determination of a noise violation; to establish as an affirmative defense to a violation of the requirement that a licensee refuse to sell alcohol beverages to a person without valid identification that the person served was 21 years of age or older; to create a fee for maintaining licenses in safekeeping; to require that an investigation be conducted before taking summary enforcement action against a licensee; to allow the Board to fine a licensee \$30,000 and suspend a license for 30 consecutive days for a 4th primary tier violation within 4 years and revoke the license after the 5th violation; to make it a primary tier violation to sell or serve alcoholic beverages on a suspended or expired license or a license held in safekeeping; to make it a primary tier violation for failure to comply with the statutory food requirements; to require ABRA to maintain a noise complaint line and track noise complaints; to amend section 47-2002 of the District of Columbia Official Code to increase the amount of sales tax revenue used to fund the Reimbursable Detail Subsidy Program from \$460,000 annually to \$1,170,000 annually; and to amend Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to allow a licensee to store books and records on- premise electronically, and to conform the regulations with the new provision allowing certain caterers to purchase alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2012".

Sec. 2. Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 25-101 is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (15A) is amended to read as follows:

"(15A) "Cooperative agreement" shall have the same meaning, and is synonymous with, settlement agreement."

(2) A new paragraph (24B) is added to read as follows:

"(24B) "Growler" means a reusable container that is capable of holding up to

64 fluid ounces of beer and is designed to be filled and sealed on premises for consumption off premises.”.

(3) A new paragraph (32A) is added to read as follows:

“(32A) “Miniature” means an alcoholic beverage in a sealed container holding 50 milliliters or less.”.

(4) Paragraph (34) is amended by striking the word “buttocks” and inserting the word “anus” in its place.

(5) A new paragraph (35A) is added to read as follows:

“(35A) “Overconcentration” means the existence of several licensed establishments that adversely affect a specific locality, section, or portion of the District of Columbia, including consideration of the appropriateness standards under § 25-313(b).”.

(6) Paragraph (49)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “14% alcohol” and inserting the phrase “15% alcohol” in its place.

(7) Paragraph (54) is repealed.

(8) Paragraph (56) is amended by striking the phrase “not more than 14%” and inserting the phrase “not more than 15%” in its place.

(b) The heading to subchapter II of Chapter 1 is amended by striking the word “Licenses” and inserting the phrase “Licenses and Permits” in its place.

(c) Section 25-112 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “, including the sale of growlers by the holder of an off-premise retailer licensee, class A, notwithstanding any other provision or restrictions of this title.” in its place.

(2) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1)(1) An off-premises retailer’s licensee, class B, that is also a full-service grocery store meeting the requirements of § 25-331(d), may also sell beer in growlers.

“(2)(A) The Board shall promulgate rules within 45 days of the effective date of the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2012, effective January 14, 2013 (D.C. Act 19-597)(“Emergency Act”), to provide a definition of “full-service grocery store” as used in this title.

“(B) Notwithstanding subchapter III of Chapter 3 of this title, the Board shall not issue any new full-service grocery store, off-premises retailer’s class B licenses for 45 days from the effective date of the Emergency Act or until the rulemaking required by this paragraph has been promulgated and approved by the Council, whichever date is sooner.

“(C) Upon approval by the Council of the regulations promulgated by the Board pursuant to this paragraph, the Council shall incorporate the definition of “full-service grocery store” into §25-101.”.

(3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “shall not be opened,” and inserting the phrase “shall not be opened, except for the sale of growlers,” in its place.

(4) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the word “and” at the end.

(B) A new paragraph (2A) is added to read as follows:

“(2A) Licensees under a temporary license or an on-premises retailer’s license, class C or D, if the alcoholic beverages were purchased by the off-premises retailer from a licensee under a wholesaler license or brought into the District under a validly issued import permit; provided, that the sales to an on-premises retailer’s class C and D license, may be made only on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday during the hours when licensees under a wholesaler’s license are closed; provided further, that an on-premises retailer’s licensee shall maintain on the licensed premises for 3 years either a receipt or invoice containing:

“(A) The date of the purchase;

“(B) The quantity and brand name of the alcoholic beverages purchased; and

“(C) The name of the on-premises licensee to which the sale was made; and”.

(d) Section 25-113 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a)(2)(A) is amended as follows:

(A) The existing language is designated as sub-subparagraph (i).

(B) A new sub-subparagraph (ii) is added to read as follows:

“(ii) It shall be a secondary tier violation for an on-premises retailer’s class C or D licensee, to knowingly allow a patron to exit the licensed establishment with an alcoholic beverage in an open container.”.

(2) Subsection (i)(5) is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows: “A caterer that also holds an on-premises retailer’s license may purchase alcoholic beverages from wholesalers for use at catered events regardless of the number of persons attending the event.”.

(3) Subsection (j)((3)(B) is amended by adding 2 new sentences at the end to read as follows: “A licensee may also store its books and records on the premises electronically. The records stored on the premises electronically shall be made immediately available at the request of ABRA staff.”.

(e) Section 25-115 is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) The holder of a temporary license shall be permitted to receive deliveries from a wholesaler up to 48 hours before a Board-approved event occurring on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. The alcoholic beverages delivered pursuant to this subsection shall not be consumed until the date and time of the event and shall be stored in a secure location.”.

(f) Section 25-117 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “restaurant or tavern” wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub” in its place.

(2) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1) A brew pub permit shall authorize the licensee to sell beer in growlers.”.

(3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “restaurant or tavern”

wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub” in its place.

(4) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the word “void” and inserting the phrase “cancelled or revoked” in its place.

(B) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “restaurant or tavern” wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub” in its place.

(g) A new section 25-124 is added to read as follows:

“§ 25-124. Wine pub permit requirements and qualifications.

“(a) A wine pub permit shall authorize the licensee to manufacture wine at one location from grapes or fruit transported from an area that produces wine to the licensed restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub for on-premises consumption and for sale to licensed wholesalers for the purpose of resale to other licensees.

“(b) A wine pub permit shall be issued only to the licensee under an on-premises restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub license, class C or D, in conjunction with the issuance of an on-premises restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub license, class C or D.

“(c) The location used to manufacture wine shall be on or immediately adjacent to the restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub licensed to the wine pub owner in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

“(d) The holder of a wine pub permit may also sell wine to patrons in sealed bottles or other closed containers for off-premises consumption.

“(e) The minimum annual fee of the wine pub permit shall be \$5,000.

“(f) A wine pub permit shall be cancelled or revoked if:

“(1) The restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub ceases to be operated as a restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub; or

“(2) The licensee’s on-premises retailer’s license, class C or D, is revoked or cancelled.

“(g) A wine pub permit shall be automatically suspended whenever and for the same period that the licensee’s retailer’s license, class C or D, is suspended.”.

(h) A new section 25-212 is added to read as follows:

“§ 25-212. New licensee and general public orientation class.

“ABRA shall establish a new licensee orientation class that shall be available to licensees and the public at no charge. The class curriculum shall include the following:

“(1) A review of relevant provisions contained in both this title and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;

“(2) Noise abatement and sound management; and

“(3) How to work proactively with Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, neighborhood and business groups, and residents.”.

(i) Section 25-301 is amended by adding a new subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

“(a-1) To determine whether an applicant for a new license meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Board shall examine records, covering the last 10 years from the date of application, maintained by ABRA regarding prior violations of the District’s alcohol laws and regulations by the applicant or establishments owned or controlled by the applicant.”

(j) Section 25-315(b)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “voluntary agreement” and inserting the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(k) Section 25-332(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1) After the effective date of the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2012, passed on 2nd reading on December 18, 2012 (Enrolled version of Bill 19-824), the Board may issue new off-premises retailer’s class B licenses, if the Board finds that the number of retailer’s class B licenses is less than the quota set forth in § 25-331(b). A condition of the license shall be that the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off-premises shall constitute no more than 25% of the total volume of gross receipts of the licensee on an annual basis.

“(2) No more than one retailer’s license, class B, issued under this subsection shall be issued to the same applicant or to an individual with an ownership interest in another license issued under this subsection.

“(3) The issuance of new retailer’s licenses, class B, under this subsection shall be audited by ABRA and subject to the reporting requirements set forth in § 25-112(e).”

(l) Section 25-374 is amended as follows:

(1) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1) On or after January 1, 2013, a class CN license with a nude dancing endorsement under § 25-371(b) shall not be transferred into Ward 5, as defined by section 4 of the Redistricting Procedure Act of 1981, effective March 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-87; D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.03); provided, that this section shall not prohibit the transfer of an existing CN license with a nude dancing endorsement within Ward 5.”

(2) Subsection (f) is amended by striking the phrase “voluntary agreement” and inserting the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(m) Section 25-402 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (d) is redesignated as paragraph (1) of subsection (d).

(2) Subsection (e) is redesignated as paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

(3) Subsection (f) is redesignated as paragraph (3) of subsection (d).

(4) The new redesignated subsection (d)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) A written security plan filed pursuant to this subsection shall include at least the following elements:

“(A) A statement on the type of security training provided for, and completed by, establishment personnel, including:

“(i) Conflict resolution training;
“(ii) Procedures for handling violent incidents, other emergencies, and calling the Metropolitan Police Department; and
“(iii) Procedures for crowd control and preventing overcrowding;
“(B) The establishment's procedures for permitting patrons to enter;
“(C) A description of how security personnel are stationed inside and in front of the establishment and the number and location of cameras used by the establishment;
“(D) Procedures in place to prevent patrons from becoming intoxicated and ensuring that only persons 21 years or older are served alcohol;
“(E) A description of how the establishment maintains an incident log;
“(F) The establishment’s procedures for preserving a crime scene; and
“(G) In the event that cameras are required to be installed by the Board or in accordance with the establishment’s security plan, the establishment shall ensure the following:
“(i) The cameras utilized by the establishment are operational;
“(ii) Any footage of a crime of violence or a crime involving a gun is maintained for a minimum of 30 days; and
“(iii) The security footage is made available within 48 hours upon the request of ABRA or the Metropolitan Police Department.”.

(n) Section 25-403 is amended as follows:

- (1) Subsection (e) is redesignated as paragraph (1) of subsection (e).
- (2) Subsection (f) is redesignated as paragraph (2) of subsection (e).
- (3) Subsection (g) is redesignated as paragraph (3) of subsection (e).
- (4) The new redesignated subsection (e)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) A written security plan filed pursuant to this subsection shall include at least the following elements:

“(A) A statement on the type of security training provided for, and completed by, establishment personnel, including:

“(i) Conflict resolution training;
“(ii) Procedures for handling violent incidents, other emergencies, and calling the Metropolitan Police Department; and
“(iii) Procedures for crowd control and preventing overcrowding;

“(B) The establishment's procedures for permitting patrons to enter;
“(C) A description of how security personnel are stationed inside and in front of the establishment and the number and location of cameras used by the establishment;

“(D) Procedures in place to prevent patrons from becoming intoxicated and ensuring that only persons 21 years or older are served alcohol;

“(E) A description of how the establishment maintains an incident log;

“(F) The establishment’s procedures for preserving a crime scene; and

“(G) In the event that cameras are required to be installed by the Board or in accordance with the establishment’s security plan, the establishment shall ensure the following:

“(i) The cameras utilized by the establishment are operational;

“(ii) Any footage of a crime of violence or a crime involving a gun is maintained for a minimum of 30 days; and

“(iii) The security footage is made available within 48 hours upon the request of ABRA or the Metropolitan Police Department.”.

(o) Section 25-421(a) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(2) A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) A citizens association meeting the requirements of § 25-601(3); provided, that the citizens association has, at least 30 days before the Board’s receipt of the application, registered with ABRA by providing a copy of its charter, and an e-mail or other electronic address in a form consistent with ABRA’s procedures.”.

“(p) Section 25-432(b)(1) is amended by inserting the phrase “, to be held within 75 days of the end of the protest period, for new license applications” after the phrase “protest hearing”.

“(q) Section 25-433(c) is amended by adding the sentence “For new license applications, the Board shall issue its written decisions accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law within 60 days after the close of the record.” after the sentence that reads “Within 90 days after the close of the record, the Board shall issue its written decision accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law.”.

(r) Section 25-446 is amended as follows:

(1) The section heading is amended to read as follows:

“§ 25-446. Settlement agreements; approval process; penalties for violations.”.

(2) Strike the phrase “voluntary agreement” wherever it appears and insert the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(3) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) The existing language is designated as paragraph (1).

(B) New paragraphs (2) and (3) are added to read as follows:

“(2) Except as provided in § 25-446.02, all provisions of a settlement agreement approved by the Board shall be enforceable by ABRA or the Board.

“(3) A settlement agreement not approved by the Board shall not be enforced

by ABRA or the Board.”

(4) Subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) Upon a determination that a licensee has violated a settlement agreement, the Board shall penalize the licensee according to the provisions set forth for violations of a license in Chapter 8 of this title.”

(s) New sections 25-446.01 and 25-446.02 are added to read as follows:

“§ 25-446.01. Settlement agreements – enforceable provisions.

“A settlement agreement enforceable by the Board under this subchapter may include:

“(1) Provisions allowing or prohibiting entertainment and the hours that entertainment would be allowed;

“(2) Specific methods to mitigate the level of noise outside the establishment, including:

“(A) Sound attenuation elements;

“(B) Requiring that the doors and windows of the establishment remain closed (except for ingress and egress) during hours of entertainment;

“(C) Restricting indoor entertainment to a specific area of the establishment; and

“(D)(i) Specification of physical attributes to mitigate noise emanating from an outdoor facility.

“(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term “physical attributes” may include architectural features, sound barriers, and placement of speakers;

“(3) Descriptions of reasonable efforts that the applicant or existing licensee will take to control litter and other debris in the immediate area surrounding the establishment, including:

“(A) The frequency that the applicant or existing licensee will monitor the area;

“(B) The days and time that the applicant or existing licensee will remove trash; and

“(C) The efforts to be made by the licensee to limit rat and vermin infestation;

“(4) Descriptions of parking arrangements, including the use of valet service contingent on proper permitting by the District Department of Transportation;

“(5) Requirements that the applicant or existing licensee maintain an incident log and that the incident log be made available to ABRA and the Board, upon request;

“(6) A notice to cure provision;

“(7) Restrictions on hours of operation and sales and service for a new or existing licensee’s facilities;

“(8) Descriptions of how the licensee will address specific issues in determining the hours of operation, including:

“(A) The licensee’s history of previous violations;

“(B) The proximity of the establishment to residences; and

“(C) The hours of operation and sales and service of alcohol for other existing licensed establishments in the area;

“(9) Restrictions on the utilization of floors, occupancy, and the number of seats for existing licensees and address specific issues in determining occupancy issues, including:

“(A) The licensee’s history of previous violations;

“(B) The proximity of the establishment to residences; and

“(C) The hours of operation and sales and service of alcohol for other existing licensed establishments in the area; and

“(10) Stipulations that the establishment will comply with existing District statutes and regulations, or will comply with privileges granted by ABRA or any other District agency.

“§ 25-446.02. Settlement agreements – unenforceable provisions.

“The Board shall not enforce the following provisions if included in a settlement agreement covered by this subchapter:

“(1) Restraints on the ability of an applicant or existing licensee to operate its business, including:

“(A) Requirements that the ANC or other community members approve future ownership changes;

“(B) Requirements that the ANC or other community members be notified of intent to transfer ownership;

“(C) Prohibitions against the applicant or existing licensee applying for a change in license class;

“(D) A requirement that the applicant or existing licensee change the license class before selling the license;

“(E) Requirements that prohibit the licensee from applying for changes to licensed operation procedures, including applications for summer gardens, sidewalk cafes, rooftop decks, entertainment endorsements, and changes of hours:

“(F) Mandates regarding specific brands of alcohol or pricing for alcohol;

“(G) Restrictions on the age of patrons; and

“(H) Requirements that the applicant or existing licensee use a specific company for services;

“(2) Statements that create administrative procedures in addition to those required by ABRA or any other District agency;

“(3) A requirement that the applicant or existing licensee attend ANC meetings or other community meetings;

“(4) Statements or requirements that the applicant or existing licensee:

“(A) Provide money, special considerations, or other financial benefits to the community;

“(B) Join any group; or

“(C) Hire local individuals; and

“(5) Any requirement that contracts, incident logs, or similar documents, be made available to the ANC or other community groups or members.”.

(t) Section 25-501 is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) The minimum fee for a stipulated license issued by the Board pursuant to section 200 of Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (23 DCMR § 200) shall be \$100.”.

(u) Section 25-601 is amended as follows:

(1) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “a new owner license renewal,”.

(2) Paragraph (3)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “meeting being given at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.” and inserting the phrase “meeting given to the voting body and the applicant at least 7 days before the date of the meeting;” in its place.

(v) A new section 25-601.01 is added to read as follows:

“§ 25-601.01. Certain documents to be made available.

“An ANC, or citizens association meeting the requirements of § 25-601(3), may request from ABRA or the Board a copy of a contract to which a licensee is a party, an incident log kept by a licensee, or similar document, if obtained by ABRA or the Board pursuant to this title.”.

(w) Section 25-609 is amended as follows:

(1) The existing language is designated as subsection (a).

(2) The newly designated subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(A) Strike the phrase “if any,” and insert the phrase “if any, and serve a copy upon the applicant or licensee,” in its place.

(B) Strike the phrase “Whether or not” and insert the word “Whether” in its place.

(C) Strike the phrase “The applicant” and insert the phrase “The applicant or licensee” in its place.

(3) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b) In the event that an affected ANC submits a settlement agreement to the Board on a protested license application, the Board, upon its approval of the settlement agreement, shall dismiss any protest of a group of no fewer than 5 residents or property owners meeting the requirements of § 25-601(2). The Board shall not dismiss a protest filed by another affected ANC or by a citizens association meeting the requirements of § 25-601(3) upon the Board’s approval of an ANC’s settlement agreement submission.”.

(x) Section 25-711(a) is amended by striking the phrase “voluntary agreement”

wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(y) Section 25-722(b) is amended by striking the phrase “class B” and inserting the phrase “class A or B” in its place.”.

(z) Section 25-723 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “closed miniature containers of alcoholic beverages” and inserting the phrase “miniatures as defined in § 25-101(32A)” in its place.

(2) Subsection (d) is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) This subsection shall expire on September 30, 2013.”.

(3) A new subsection (f) is added to read as follows:

“(f)(1) During the beginning of daylight saving time under § 28-2711, on the 2nd Sunday of March of each year, a licensee under an on-premises retailer’s license may sell and serve alcoholic beverages between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

“(2) A licensee operating under an on-premises retailer’s license shall not be required to obtain Board approval to sell or serve alcoholic beverages in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

“(3) This subsection shall apply as of October 1, 2013.”.

(aa) Section 25-724 is amended by striking the phrase “voluntary agreement” and inserting the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(bb) Section 25-725 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the word “or” at the end.

(B) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(C) A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning devices.”.

(2) New subsections (d) and (e) are added to read as follows:

“(d)(1) ABRA shall maintain a complaint program to receive noise complaints by phone, email, and fax. The complaint program shall be staffed by an ABRA employee until at least one hour after the end time for the legal sale of alcoholic beverages as set forth in § 25-723.

“(2) ABRA shall keep records regarding noise complaints and record the following information at the time the complaint is made:

“(A) The time and date of the complaint;

“(B) The name and address of the establishment that is the subject of the complaint;

“(C) The name and address of the complainant, if available;

“(D) The nature of the noise complaint; and

“(E) Whether the complaint was substantiated by ABRA.

“(3) Upon receipt of a noise complaint, ABRA shall attempt to contact the establishment by phone or in person and inform the ABC manager on-duty that a noise complaint has been received and describe the nature of the complaint.

“(4) ABRA shall notify the licensee of the complaint by e-mail, phone, or registered mail within 72 hours of receiving the complaint. ABRA shall notify the licensee of the results of any investigation that may result in a show cause hearing within 90 days as required by § 25-832.

“(e) The windows and doors of an establishment from which noise can be heard shall remain open or closed, as they were at the time the complaint was made, in order for an ABRA investigator or Metropolitan Police Department officer to determine whether a violation of subsection (a) of this section exists. The ABRA investigator shall have the authority to direct that windows and doors be closed or opened.”.

(cc) Section 25-783 is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) An affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be that the person was at the time of the violation 21 years of age or older.”.

(dd) Section 25-791 is amended by adding a new subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

“(c-1)(1) Except as proved by paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Board shall assess licenses in safekeeping a fee of 25% of the annual license fee for every 6 months that the license remains in safekeeping. The initial 6-month fee shall be paid by the licensee at the time the license is placed in safekeeping. Each additional 6-month safekeeping fee shall be paid in advance by the licensee.

“(2) After 4 consecutive 6-month periods of safekeeping, the safekeeping fee shall be 50% of the annual license fee for every 6 months that the license remains in safekeeping.

“(3) The safekeeping fee required by this subsection shall not apply to a licensee serving a suspension.”.

(ee) Section 25-823(6) is amended by striking the phrase “voluntary agreement” and inserting the phrase “settlement agreement” in its place.

(ff) Section 25-826(b) is amended by striking the phrase “The Board may summarily” and inserting the phrase word “The Board, after investigation, may summarily” in its place.

(gg) Section 25-830 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (3) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) A licensee found in violation of a primary tier offense for the 4th time within 4 years shall have the license either revoked or fined no less than \$30,000 and suspended for 30 consecutive days.”.

(B) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

“(4) A licensee found in violation of a primary tier offense for the 5th time

within 4 years shall have the license revoked.”.

(2) New subsections (i) and (j) are added to read as follows:

“(i) It shall be a primary tier violation for a licensee to sell or serve alcohol on a suspended or expired license or a license held in safekeeping.

“(j) It shall be a primary tier violation for a licensee to fail to comply with either of the statutory food requirements in § 25-113(b)(3)(B).”.

Sec. 3. Conforming amendments.

(a) Section 47-2002(b) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by striking the phrase “\$460,000 annually” and inserting the phrase “\$1,170,000 annually” in its place.

(b) Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1208 is amended by adding a new subsection 1208.6 to read as follows:

“1208.6 The holder of a Retailer’s, Manufacturer’s, or Wholesaler’s license may store books and records on the licensed premises electronically; provided, that the records are made immediately available at the request of ABRA staff.”.

(2) Subsection 2002.1 is amended by adding the phrase “, other than one also holding an on-premises retailer’s license under D.C. Official Code § 25-113(a)-(e),” after the phrase “licensed under § 2000.1,”.

(3) A new subsection 2002.3 is added to read as follows:

“2002.3 Any caterer that also holds an on-premises retailer’s license under D.C. Official Code § 25-113(a)-(e) shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.”.

(4) Subsection 2003.1 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows: “Specific approval shall not be required for any caterer that also holds an on-premises retailer’s license under D.C. Official Code § 25-113 (a)-(e).”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,

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approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Mayor
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