

The **REOPEN WASHINGTON DC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021** proposes several updates to Title 25 of the DC Official Code aimed at creating innovative new opportunities for businesses and consumers, and to protect public health and safety.



Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a hearing to solicit public comment on the legislation on **Monday, May 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** To testify remotely or to submit written testimony, email BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7.**

KEY PROVISIONS



ADDRESSES FOOD DISPARITIES IN WARDS 7 AND 8

Delivers healthy food options and food access to underserved and vulnerable communities located in food deserts. Requires applicants interested in opening a new full-service grocery that can sell beer, wine, and spirits (a new license type) in Wards 1-6, to first open and operate a full-service grocery store of at least 8,000 square feet in Wards 7 or 8 for a minimum of six months. Only new full-service grocery stores, not remodeled existing stores, would be eligible for the new Class A full-service grocery store license.



REINVIGORATES GEORGETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Allows for the return of taverns in the Georgetown historic district while maintaining the prohibition on nightclubs. The current cap prevents new tavern businesses from opening and hampers the neighborhood's ability to compete for entertainment dollars being spent in newer neighborhoods.



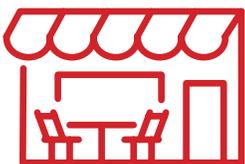
EXPANDS CRITICAL LIFELINE TO BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Extends the opportunity for alcohol establishments to add new and/or expand dining seating in outdoor public and private spaces not included on their alcohol license. In 2021, alcohol establishments may operate their registered streateries through December 31 at no cost. In 2022 and 2023, streateries may be operated between May 1-October 25 for a nominal one-time registration fee.



PROTECTS RESIDENT SAFETY, MITIGATE UNDERAGE DRINKING

Introduces a new alcohol license—along with guidelines such as requiring delivery persons verify that recipients are at least 21 years of age—for third party carriers. Presently, these entities are delivering alcohol on behalf of retailers and manufacturers without regulations in place.



CREATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES TO ATTRACT PATRONS

Provides pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use commercial developments in DC such as The Wharf, the option of allowing tenant businesses the opportunity to sell beer, wine, and spirits for outdoor consumption within designated areas such as plazas, concourses, and walkways. The commercial associations would be the holder of the new "Commercial Lifestyle Center License" and be responsible for maintenance and operation of the common areas including security.