

A RESOLUTION

22-31

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2017

To declare an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to permit and regulate the possession and sale of stun guns, to repeal the age requirement for the possession and use of self-defense sprays, and to repeal the registration requirement for self-defense sprays; to amend An Act To prohibit the introduction of contraband into the District of Columbia penal institutions to conform the definition of stun gun; to amend An Act To control the possession, sale, transfer, and use of pistols and other dangerous weapons in the District of Columbia, to provide penalties, to prescribe rules of evidence, and for other purposes to provide for an enhanced penalty for committing a crime while armed with a stun gun; and to amend section 47-2851.03 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require vendors to obtain an endorsement to the basic business license to sell stun guns.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Stun Gun Regulation Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. (a) On December 20, 2016, the Council passed the Stun Gun Regulation Amendment Act of 2016, enacted on February 10, 2017 (D.C. Act 21-667; 64 DCR 1648). The act is under congressional review and is projected to become law on May 20, 2017.

(b) On the same day, the Council passed the Stun Gun Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2016, effective January 24, 2017 (D.C. Act 21-630; 64 DCR 907). The emergency act will expire on April 24, 2017, before the permanent act becomes law.

(c) This congressional review emergency is therefore necessary to prevent a gap in the law.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Stun Gun Regulation Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.