

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Mental Health Information Act of 1978 to authorize mental health professionals to disclose mental health information when necessary to request an extreme risk protection order and to require the disclosure of mental health information to the Office of Attorney General in response to a court order; to amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to prohibit the issuance of a firearm registration certificate to the subject of an extreme risk protection order, to require the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, for good cause shown, to issue such orders as may be necessary to obtain mental health records and other relevant information for the purposes of petitions for relief from disqualifications from firearm registration, to authorize the Mayor to issue rules, subject to Council review, to implement the provisions of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, to clarify that the Office of Attorney General may intervene and represent the interests of the District of Columbia with respect to petitions for extreme risk protection orders or provide individual legal representation, upon request, to a petitioner, to broaden the court's ability to place records related to extreme risk protection orders under seal, to establish procedures for computing periods of time relating to an extreme risk protection order, to provide for the use of calendar days instead of business days for timelines related to extreme risk protection orders, to require that the court consider the unlawful or reckless use, display, or brandishing of any weapon by the respondent in determining whether to issue an extreme risk protection order, to require that the initial hearing for a petition for a final extreme risk protection order be held within 14 days after the petition was filed, to require the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, for good cause shown, to issue such orders as may be necessary to obtain mental health records and other relevant information for the purposes of petitions for an extreme risk protection order, to modify the duration of ex parte extreme risk protection orders, to establish procedures for the issuance and execution of search warrants accompanying extreme risk protection orders, to add the Office of Attorney General and the Superior Court for the District of Columbia to the list of entities that shall receive from the Metropolitan Police Department information related to extreme risk protection orders, to require the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to submit information about extreme risk protection orders to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the purposes of firearm purchaser background checks; to amend the

Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006 to create a quorum requirement for the Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force and extend its report submission deadline; to amend the Act to Regulate Public Conduct on Public Passenger Vehicles to designate certain violations of the act civil pedestrian offenses, and to authorize Metro Transit Police Department officers to issue notices of infractions for alleged civil violations; to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978 to exempt certain pedestrian offenses from criminal penalty; and to amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to include a civil fine schedule for certain violations of the Act to Regulate Public Conduct on Public Passenger Vehicles.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On December 18, 2018, the Council passed the Firearms Safety Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, enacted on January 30, 2019 (D.C. Act 22-629; 66 DCR 1729) (“emergency measure”), which expired on April 30, 2019.

(b) On December 18, 2018, the Council also passed the Firearms Safety Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, effective May 10, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-314; 66 DCR 1672) (“permanent measure”), which made permanent the provisions of the emergency measure.

(c) Since the passage of the previous measures, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of Attorney General, and the Superior Court for the District of Columbia have provided additional guidance for improving processes related to petitions for relief from firearms disqualifications and for extreme risk protection orders.

(d) It is now necessary to move this emergency legislation in order to promptly incorporate feedback from those entities.

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 Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.