

A RESOLUTION

23-402

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 5, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to prohibit the issuance of a registration certificate for ghost guns, and to prohibit the sale or transfer of ghost guns; 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 prohibit the possession of ghost guns; to amend the Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 to provide that it shall apply as of April 23, 2020; and to amend the Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020 to clarify that it is subject to a 60-day congressional review period.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Ghost Guns Prohibition Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On March 3, 2020, the Council passed the Ghost Guns Prohibition Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 11, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-245; 67 DCR 3086) (“emergency act”), which expires on June 9, 2020.

(b) On March 17, 2020, the Council passed the Ghost Guns Prohibition Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on March 31, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-276; 67 DCR 3945) (“temporary act”), which is undergoing congressional review and is projected to take effect August 1, 2020.

(c) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

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 Ghost Guns Prohibition Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.