


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE: July 29, 2021 

RE: **Request to Place Measure on the Agenda for the August 3, 2021 Additional Legislative Meeting**

The following measure is placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the August 3, 2021 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Bill 24-347, “Protecting Consumers from Unjust Debt Collection Practices Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**

Pursuant to PR 23-341, the “Council Period 24 Recess Rules Amendment Resolution of 2021,” the Council may consider “Any measure that was on the July 13, 2021, additional meeting agenda.” Bill 24-347 was on the July 13, 2021 agenda as Item V-C-III. After Bill 24-347 was approved by the Council, we received feedback on the bill that necessitates reconsideration so that we can consider an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The amendments are minor but substantive. Those amendments include:

- Clarifying that calls initiated by the consumer, or a single call made by a debt collector at the request of a consumer for a returned phone call, do not count toward the call limit of three calls in any 7-day period;
- Ensuring that the documentation requirement for an itemized accounting of credit card debt is feasible and aligned with industry practice;
- Requiring debt collectors to send a notice to consumers stating that they may request specific information about their debt before collecting or attempting to collect debt; and
- Correcting a technical error related to potential court penalties.

Please call me or Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers