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Evans Introduces ***Reimbursable Detail Expansion & Promoter Regulation Act of 2011*** *Legislation to Bring Accountability to Promoters & Safety to City Streets*

Washington, DC – Councilmember Jack Evans today introduced the *Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011*. The bill was co-introduced by Councilmembers Barry, Bowser, Michael Brown, and Mendelson.

The bill would direct the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) to create uniform regulations governing promoters who organize and sponsor events in the District. The bill creates a framework for defining promoters, including fee-sharing arrangements based on admission head counts, while creating reasonable exemptions for performers and off-premises ticket sellers like Ticketmaster.

“Promoters don’t currently have accountability to the government or the community the way an ABRA license-holder does,” Evans said. “Creating a licensing process for them will help to address this problem.”

In addition, the bill would impact participation in the Metropolitan Police Department’s reimbursable detail program by requiring certain establishments to pay for adequate security unless they are granted an exemption by ABRA. For events involving promoters, extra security would be mandatory.

“The introduction of this bill is the beginning of an important conversation on this issue and I look forward to hearing from residents and other stakeholders,” said Evans. “I trust that the Council will move swiftly in scheduling a hearing on this bill.”

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