

BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

RESOLUTION

(Under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of
the People's Republic of China)

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region be amended —

- (a) in Rule 21 —
 - (i) in subrule (3), by repealing “subrule (4)” and substituting “subrules (4) and (4A)”;
 - (ii) in subrule (4), by repealing “Whenever” and substituting “Subject to subrule (4A), whenever”;
 - (iii) by adding —

“(4A) Where the purpose of the resumption of the second reading debate on a bill is for making an announcement for the withdrawal of the bill in accordance with Rule 64 (Withdrawal or Postponement of Bills), the Member presenting a report of the Bills Committee on the bill at the meeting of the Council at which such an announcement is to be made may, with the permission of the President, address the Council thereon at the time when the report is laid on the Table of the Council.”;
 - (iv) in subrule (6), by adding “, (4A)” after “(3)”;

- (b) in Rule 54(7), by adding “(other than resumption for the purpose of making an announcement for the withdrawal of a bill in accordance with Rule 64 (Withdrawal or Postponement of Bills))” after “At the resumption of the second reading debate on a bill”;
- (c) in Rule 64 —
 - (i) by renumbering it as Rule 64(1);
 - (ii) in subrule (1), by repealing “by announcement in Council” and substituting “by an announcement made in Council”;
 - (iii) by adding —

“(2) The Member or public officer in charge of a bill may, by an announcement made in Council at the beginning of proceedings for the resumption of the second reading debate on the bill, withdraw the bill if -

- (a) the purpose of the resumption is for making such an announcement; and
- (b) such purpose has been so stated in the notice of the resumption of debate given under Rule 54(5) (Second Reading).

(3) The Member or public officer in charge of a bill may, in making an announcement for the withdrawal of the bill under subrule (2), address the Council on matters relevant to the withdrawal but no debate may arise on such an address.”.