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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B22-0161– THE “MEDICAL MARIJUANA CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
PREFERENCE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

**B22-0537 – THE “OMNIBUS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION AMENDMENT
ACT OF 2017”;**

**B22-0585 – THE “BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS TAX EXEMPTION
AMENDMENT ACT 2017”; AND**

**PR22-0694 – THE “REVISED ABRA CIVIL PENALTY SCHEDULE RESOLUTION OF
2017”**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0161, the “Medical Marijuana Certified Business Enterprise Preference Amendment Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0537, the “Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0585, the “Business Improvement Districts Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2017”; and Proposed Resolution 22-0694, the “Revised ABRA Civil Penalty Schedule Resolution of 2017”.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0161 is to establish a preference for certified business enterprises who apply for the registration of a medical marijuana facility. The stated purpose of Bill 22-0537 is to define the terms roll call, hearing, and mediation. The legislation also makes several clarifications to licensing and permitting. These include: 1) clarifying that pub crawl licenses and

farmer's market licenses shall be valid for less than 3 years; 2) clarifying that licensees holding manufacturer licenses may deliver the alcoholic beverages that it produces to consumers; and 3) clarifying the tasting hours for manufacturer's license, class C, and several other license categories. The legislation also requires off-premises retailers with security cameras to provide copies of footage to ABRA investigators or a member of the Metropolitan Police Department upon request. Among other things, the legislation also allows for extended hours of operation, sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the 2018 All-Star Game and the World Cup Tournament; allows patrons to carry re-sealed alcoholic beverage bottles from hotels; authorizes wine and distillery pub permit holders to transport their products between locations if they are both owned by the licensee; allows holders of bed and breakfast licenses to obtain sidewalk café and summer garden endorsements; and allows off-premises retailer licenses, class A and B, to apply for one-day substantial permits.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0585 is exempt Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) from certain taxation. It also requires BIDs to obtain a certificate of exemption from the Mayor. The stated purpose of Proposed Resolution 22-0694 is to amend Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations by amending section 800, ABRA Civil Penalty Schedule, to conform the schedule to changes contained in Bill 22-0537, the "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2017, modify the tiers for certain infractions, and make administrative and technical changes.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee on Business and Economic Development via email at cautrey@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8053, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, February 5th**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **twenty single-sided copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to cautrey@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Business and Economic Development at cautrey@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on February 21st**.