

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 and the Department of Corrections Employee Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing Act of 1996 to prohibit the District of Columbia government from discriminating, in employment, against an individual for participation in a medical marijuana program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 18, 2019, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on July 8, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-77; 66 DCR 8089), which expired on October 6, 2019.

(b) On July 9, 2019, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, on final reading, enacted on September 5, 2019, (D.C. Law 23-26; 66 DCR 15182).

(c) On September 17, 2019, due to a delay in the transmission of the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Congressional Review

37 Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the  
38 emergency act and the anticipated effective date of the temporary act.

39 (d) The Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary  
40 Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on September 5, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-114), is set to expire on  
41 June 5, 2020, and no permanent legislation is in place because the work on the permanent  
42 legislation was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic response.

43 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
44 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
45 Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Emergency Amendment Act of  
46 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

47 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.