


**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Mendelson
From: Councilmember David Grosso 
Re: Request to Agendize Measures for July 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting
Date: July 1, 2020

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”
- “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”

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.

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).

The COVID-19 pandemic response interrupted the work on the permanent legislation, prompting the Council to pass, on May 18, 2020, the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, enacted June 8, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-327; 67 DCMR 759), to prevent a gap in the law, because the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on September 5, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-114), was set to expire on June 5, 2020.

On June 9, 2020, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, on final reading (Enrolled version of Bill 23-756), to accompany the emergency legislation.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response and Congressional recess, the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2020 is not anticipated to be in effect prior to the September 6, 2020 expiration of the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2020.

This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the anticipated effective date of the temporary act.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please contact my Senior Legislative Advisor Darby Hickey at dhickey@dccouncil.us with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cc: Office of the Council Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Members and Staff of the Council of the District of Columbia