


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE: January 27, 2022 

RE: **Request to Place Measure on the Agenda for February 1, 2022
Legislative Meeting**

Please place the following measures on the agenda for the February 1, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

- **Medical Marijuana Patient Access Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Medical Marijuana Patient Access Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Medical Marijuana Patient Access Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

On November 2, 2021, the Council approved Act 24-206, the Medical Marijuana Patient Access Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, in response to a significant drop in the number of registered, qualifying patients in the District's medical cannabis program. As the medical market continues to feel the effects of this decline and faces the continuing threat posed by illicit cannabis storefronts and delivery services, it is necessary to extend some provisions of the law and provide additional incentives for qualifying patients. These include:

1. Extending the two-year patient card on a temporary basis until Friday, September 30, 2022.
2. Extending the period that qualifying patients and caregivers whose registration card expired on or after March 1, 2020 can continue to purchase medical cannabis until September 30, 2022 (currently expires on January 31, 2022)
3. Allowing self-certification by senior citizens 65 years of age or older that they are utilizing cannabis for medical purposes until September 30, 2022; and
4. Declaring a 4/20 medical cannabis sales tax holiday week to retain and bring patients back to the medical cannabis program.

Copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.