

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010 to provide that the number of testing laboratories allowed in an election ward cannot exceed 2, provide that no person who has a felony conviction for a crime of violence, gun offense, tax evasion, fraud, or credit card fraud that occurred within 3 years preceding the filing of an application shall be eligible to be a director, owner, officer, or agent of a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory, and remove the prohibition preventing an individual with a felony conviction from working at a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

(a) In 2021, the Council enacted legislation, on an emergency and a temporary basis, that amended the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010 to remove the blanket prohibition on individuals with felony convictions from obtaining a medical cannabis license (but still restrict individuals with certain felony convictions), establish a limit of no more than 2 testing laboratories within an election ward, and remove the prohibition preventing an individual with a felony conviction from working at a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory.

(b) The Medical Cannabis Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective July 28, 2021

(D.C. Law 24-13; 68 DCR 5834) (“temporary legislation”) expires on March 10, 2022. The Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2021, as introduced on February 26, 2021 (Bill 24-113) (“permanent legislation”), must still complete the legislative process.

(c) It is important to keep the provisions described in subsection (a) of this section in effect until the permanent legislation has completed the legislative process and become law.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Medical Cannabis Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.