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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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17 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment  
18 Initiative of 1999 to allow individuals 21 years of age and older to self-certify that they  
19 are utilizing cannabis for medical purposes.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
22 act may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Self-Certification Emergency Amendment Act of  
23 2022”.

24 Sec. 2. The Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective  
25 July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-210; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

26 (a) Section 3(c)(1)(A) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.02(c)(1)(A)) is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 “(A) Obtained a signed, written recommendation from an authorized  
29 practitioner within the last 2 years in accordance with section 5, except for individuals 21 years  
30 of age and older who shall be permitted to self-certify on a form provided by ABRA that they are  
31 utilizing cannabis for medical purposes as part of the registration process; and”.

32 (b) Section 6(1)(B)(ii) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.05(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking  
33 the semicolon and inserting the phrase “,unless the patient self-certified as provided in section  
34 3(c)(1)(A);”.

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

36 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
37 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
38 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
41 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
42 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
43 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
44 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).