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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative
18 of 1999 to allow individuals 21 years of age and older to self-certify that they are
19 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 Temporary 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 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
41 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
42 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
43 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
44 Columbia Register.

45 (b) This act shall expire 225 days of its having taken effect.