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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative
16 of 1999 to define the term non-resident cardholder and amend the definition for
17 qualifying patient, to establish a sunset date for qualifying patients and caregivers whose
18 registration cards expired on or after March 1, 2020 to continue to purchase medicinal
19 marijuana, to increase the amount of dried cannabis a qualifying patient may possess at
20 any one time from 4 ounces to 8 ounces, to create a temporary non-resident qualifying
21 patient registration process, to allow for the issuance of two-year qualifying patient and
22 caregiver registration cards, to provide the Board with the authority to issue patient and
23 caregiver registration cards at no cost, and to amend Title 22-C of the District of Columbia
24 Municipal Regulations to allow qualifying patients to establish residency in the District
25 with one document, including a telephone bill or bank statement containing a District
26 address.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
29 act may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Patient Access Extension Second Temporary
30 Amendment Act of 2022”.

31 Sec. 2. The Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective
32 February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01 *et seq.*), is amended as
33 follows:

34 (a) Section 2 ((D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01) is amended as follows:

35 (1) A new paragraph (13B) is added to read as follows:

36 “(13B) “Non-resident cardholder” means a person who is not a resident of the

37 District of Columbia who is not currently enrolled in another jurisdiction’s medical marijuana
38 program that has submitted documentation required by ABRA for a temporary thirty (30) day
39 registration card and has received confirmation of registration.”.

40 (2) Paragraph 19 is amended by adding the phrase “or another jurisdiction that is
41 registered with ABRA” after the phrase “resident of the District”.

42 (b) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.02) is amended by adding a new subsection
43 (c-1) to read as follows:

44 “(c-1) Where a qualifying patient’s or caregiver’s registration identification card has
45 expired or will expire at any time between March 1, 2020, and to March 31, 2023, and the
46 qualifying patient or caregiver has not submitted an application for a new registration
47 identification card, the qualifying patient or caregiver may continue to purchase, possess and
48 administer medical marijuana in accordance with this act and the rules issued pursuant to section
49 14 until March 31, 2023. On or after April 1, 2023, the qualifying patient or caregiver
50 must possess a valid registration identification card to continue to purchase, possess, and
51 administer medical marijuana.”.

52 (c) Section 4(a) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.03(a)) is amended by striking the phrase
53 “is 2 ounces of dried medical marijuana; provided, that the Mayor, through rulemaking, may
54 increase the quantity of dried medical marijuana that may be possessed up to 4 ounces; and” and
55 inserting the phrase “is 8 ounces of dried medical marijuana. The Mayor” in its place.

56 (d) Section 6 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.05) is amended as follows:

57 (1) A new paragraph (1)(C) is added to read as follows:

58 “(C) As part of the registration process, a non-resident qualifying patient visiting
59 the District of Columbia may apply to ABRA to receive a temporary non-resident registration

60 identification card. A temporary non-resident registration identification card issued to a non-
61 resident cardholder shall be valid for thirty (30) days. After the expiration of the temporary non-
62 resident registration identification card, a non-resident qualifying patient may apply to ABRA to
63 be issued another thirty (30) day temporary non-resident identification card.”.

64 (2) Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

65 “(3) Issue nontransferable registration identification cards that expire annually to
66 registered persons and entities, which may be presented to and used by law enforcement to
67 confirm whether a person or entity is authorized to administer, cultivate, dispense, distribute,
68 test, or possess medical marijuana, or manufacture, possess, or distribute paraphernalia; provided
69 that, qualifying patients and caregivers who register after November 5, 2021, and prior to
70 March 31, 2023, shall be issued nontransferable registration identification cards that expire
71 biennially.”.

72 (3) Paragraph 9 is amended to read as follows:

73 “(9) Establish registration and annual renewal fees for all persons and entities
74 required to register pursuant to this chapter; provided that the Board, by rule, may make
75 qualifying patient and caregiver registrations available at no cost to attract and retain qualifying
76 patients; however, the registration and annual renewal fees for dispensaries, cultivation centers,
77 and testing laboratories and for the directors, officers, members, incorporators, agents, and
78 employees of dispensaries, cultivation centers, and testing laboratories shall be sufficient to
79 offset the costs of administering this chapter.”.

80 (e) Section 8(b) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.07(b)) is repealed.

81 Sec. 3. Section 501.2(b) of Title 22-C of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations
82 (22-C DCMR § 501.2(b)), is amended as follows:

83 (a) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “two (2)” and inserting the
84 phrase “one (1)” in its place.

85 (b) Subparagraph (9) is amended to read as follows:

86 “(9) Utility bills from a period within the two (2) months immediately preceding
87 the application date in the name of the applicant on a District of Columbia residential address;”.

88 (c) Subparagraph (10) is redesignated as subparagraph (11).

89 (d) A new subparagraph (10) is added to read as follows:

90 “(10) A bank statement addressed to the applicant from a period within the two
91 (2) months immediately preceding the application date in the name of the applicant on a District
92 of Columbia residential address; or”.

93 Sec. 4. Applicability.

94 This act shall apply as of September 30, 2022.

95 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

99 Sec. 6. Effective date.

100 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
101 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
102 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
103 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
104 Columbia Register.

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