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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022 to provide a deadline date that existing cultivation centers and dispensaries must file their applications with ABCA for additional medical cannabis facility licenses; and to increase medical cannabis product availability at District licensed retailers and internet retailers by not allowing a cultivation center to also hold an internet retailer license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Application Process Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06), is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (d)(2) is amended by deleting the phrase “or online retailer”

(2) A new subsection (d)(5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) Applications for additional licenses pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection shall be filed with ABCA by the existing cultivation center or dispensary by May 1, 2024.”.

(3) Subsection (e)(1)(F) is amended by deleting the phrase “or internet retailer”.

(4) A new paragraph (e)(1)(G) is added to read as follows:

35 “(G) No licensee holding a cultivation center license shall hold an internet retailer
36 license.”.

37 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

41 Sec. 4. Effective date.

42 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
43 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
44 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
45 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
46 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).