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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary 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                   (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
43 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review  
44 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
45 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1), and publication in the District of  
46 Columbia register.

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