
Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999 to set a new expiration date for qualifying patient and caregiver registration identification cards from two years to six years, and to require the surrender of a registration card (and notification of any registered caregiver) when a person no longer requires medical cannabis; and to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to extend the end date of the “4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week” for calendar year 2024.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Temporary Amendment Act of 2024”.

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 § 7-1671.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 5 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.04) is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) Within 14 calendar days of an authorized practitioner declaring that a qualifying patient no longer suffers from a qualifying medical condition or treatment or a qualifying patient notifying ABCA that they no longer need cannabis for the treatment of a qualifying medical or dental condition or for the side effects of a qualifying or medical treatment, the qualifying patient shall:

“(1) Surrender his or her registration card to the Board; and

“(2) Notify his or her registered caregiver, if applicable, of the change.”.

(b) Section 6(b)(5) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.05(b)(5)) is amended as follows:

(1) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) With respect to registration identification cards issued to persons and entities registered pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection, such cards expire every 6 years:”.

(2) Subparagraph (C) is amended by striking the phrase “except for temporary” and inserting the phrase “except for registration identification cards for qualifying patients and caregivers registered pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection, and temporary” in its place.

Sec. 3. Section 47-2002(a)(7)(A) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended to read as follows:

“(7)(A) The rate of tax shall be 6% of the gross receipts from the sale of or charges for medical cannabis, as defined in § 7-1671.01(12), except for sales or charges occurring during “4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week”, which shall be the period of April 15 through April 28, 2024 in calendar year 2024.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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