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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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14 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative
15 of 1999 to prohibit medical cannabis retailer licensees from locating within 300 feet of
16 preschools, primary and secondary schools, and recreation centers without exception, and
17 to authorize medical cannabis retailer license applicants whose locations are within 300
18 feet of preschools, primary and secondary schools, and recreation centers to change the
19 location of the retailer facility on its application within 180 calendar days after the
20 effective date of this act.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 act may be cited as the “Prohibition of Cannabis Retailers Near Schools Temporary Amendment
24 Act of 2024”.

25 Sec. 2. Section 7a of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of
26 1999, effective February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06a), is
27 amended as follows:

28 (a) Subsection (a) is amended by adding a new paragraph (3A) to read as follows:

29 “(3A) An unlicensed establishment that actually applied for a retailer license
30 under paragraph (3) of this subsection shall be allowed to change the location of the retailer
31 facility on its application within 180 calendar days after the effective date of the Prohibition of
32 Cannabis Retailers Near Schools Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, passed on emergency

33 basis on April 2, 2024 (Enrolled version of Bill 25-XXX), without negatively affecting the status
34 of the application, provided that:

35 “(A) The location of the establishment in the original application filed
36 with ABCA was within 300 feet of a preschool, primary or secondary school, or recreation
37 center; and

38 “(B) The main entrance to the preschool, primary or secondary school, or
39 recreation center, or the nearest property line of the school or recreation center, is actually on or
40 occupies ground zoned commercial or industrial according to the official atlases of the Zoning
41 Commission of the District of Columbia.”.

42 (b) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “shall not apply where” and inserting
43 the phrase “shall not apply to cultivation center or internet retailer license applications where” in
44 its place.

45 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

49 Sec. 4. Effective date.

50 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
51 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
52 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
53 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
54 Columbia Register.

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