


**Council of the District of Columbia  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Chairperson Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie   
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the July 9, 2024, Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** July 3, 2024

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I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 9, 2024, Legislative Meeting:

Congressional Review Emergency Legislation

- **Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**

There existed an immediate need to set a new expiration date for qualifying patient and caregiver registration identification cards from 2 years to 6 years, require the surrender of a registration card and notification of any registered caregiver when a person no longer requires medical cannabis, and to authorize the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration to summarily close an unlicensed retailer; and to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish the 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week for 2024. In April 2024, the Council enacted the Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective April 8, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-437; 71 DCR 4118), (“emergency legislation”) and the Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on May 7, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-761), (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-referenced needs.

The emergency legislation expires on July 7, 2024. The temporary legislation must still complete the 30-day review period required by 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 will not become law until after the emergency legislation has expired. It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

- **Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Emergency Congressional Review Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**

Emergency legislation was needed to clarify hearing complaint procedures and update enforcement actions under the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005. In April 2024, the Council enacted the Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective April 15, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-444; 71 DCR 4625), (“emergency legislation”) and the B25-769, the Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, enacted on May 29, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-484; 71 DCR 6756), (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-referenced

needs. The emergency legislation expires on July 14, 2024. The temporary legislation must still complete the 30-day review period required by 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 will not become law until after the emergency legislation has expired. It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

### Emergency and Temporary Legislation

- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

There existed an immediate need to issue temporary non-resident registration identification cards that are valid for periods between 3 days and no longer than one year in length and to waive the application fee for testing laboratory licenses, among other things. In July 2023, the Council enacted legislation to address the above-mentioned issues. The temporary, the Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective November 28, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-73; 70 DCR 15608) (“temporary act”), expires on July 10, 2024. Comprehensive permanent legislation addressing these issues has been introduced but must complete the legislative process. It is of vital importance that the provisions of the temporary act continue in effect until the permanent legislation has become law.

- **Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

There existed an immediate need to define the terms non-District resident and another jurisdiction, and to provide the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board with the authority to issue patient and caregiver registration cards at no cost. In October 2023, the Council enacted legislation to address the above-mentioned issues. The temporary, the Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective January 23, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-103; 71 DCR 1651) (“temporary act”), expires on September 4, 2024. Comprehensive permanent legislation addressing these issues has been introduced but must complete the legislative process. It is of vital importance that the provisions of the temporary act continue in effect until the permanent legislation has become law.

The draft measures are attached. Feel free to contact Legislative Director, Doni Crawford, at [dcrawford@dccouncil.gov](mailto:dcrawford@dccouncil.gov), with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Secretary  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of the Budget Director