


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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the October 1, 2024, Legislative Meeting
DATE: September 26, 2024

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 1, 2024, Legislative Meeting:

Congressional Review Emergency Legislation

- **Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Congressional Review Emergency 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 July 2024, the Council enacted the Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective July 9, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-528; 71 DCR 9597), (“emergency legislation”) and the Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on September 17, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-905) (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-mentioned issues.

The emergency legislation expires on October 21, 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. Comprehensive permanent legislation addressing these issues has been introduced but must complete the legislative process. It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Congressional Review Emergency 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 2024, the Council enacted the Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective July 9, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-527; 71 DCR 9593), (“emergency legislation”) and the Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on September 17, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-903) (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-mentioned issues.

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The draft measures are attached. Feel free to contact Legislative Director, Doni Crawford, at 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