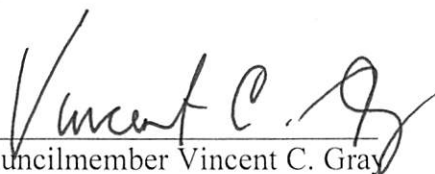



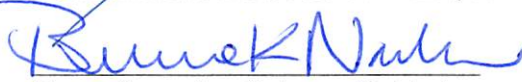
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22 To amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978  
23 and the Department of Corrections Employee Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing Act  
24 of 1996 to prohibit the District of Columbia government from discriminating, in  
25 employment, against an individual for participation in the medical marijuana program.  
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
28 act may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection  
29 Amendment Act of 2019.”

30 Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of  
31 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-601.01 *et seq.*),  
32 is amended follows:

33 (a) Section 2051 (D.C. Official Code § 1-620.11) is amended as follows:

34 (1) Designate the existing text as subsection (a).

35 (2) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

36 “(b) To the extent permitted by federal law and regulations, programs and rules adopted  
37 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall accommodate qualifying patients, as that term is  
38 defined in section 2 of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999,  
39 effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-210; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01), in compliance with  
40 title XX-E.”.

41 (b) Section 2025 (D.C. Official Code § 1-620.25) is amended by adding a new subsection  
42 (d) to read as follows:

43 “(d) The testing program established pursuant to this title shall comply with the  
44 requirements of title XX-E.”.

45 (c) Section 2032 (D.C. Official Code § 1-620.32) is amended by adding a new subsection  
46 (g) to read as follows:

47 “(g) The testing program established pursuant to this title shall comply with the  
48 requirements of title XX-E.”

49 (d) A new title XX-E is added to read as follows:

50 "TITLE XX-E

51 "MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM PATIENT EMPLOYMENT PROTECTIONS.

52 "Sec. 2051. Definitions.

53 “For the purposes of this title, the term:

54 “(1) “Marijuana” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 102(3)(A) of  
55 the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, effective August 5, 1981  
56 (D.C. Law 4-29; D.C. Official Code § 48-901.02).

(2) “Qualifying patient” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 2 of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-210; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01).

“(3) “Public employer” means the District government.

“Sec. 2052. Patient protections.

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a public employer may not refuse to hire, terminate from employment, penalize, or otherwise discriminate in the terms or conditions of employment against an individual based upon the individual’s status as a qualifying patient, including failure to pass a pre-employment or employment-related drug test for marijuana components or metabolites, unless the individual used, possessed, or was impaired by marijuana at the individual’s place of employment or during the hours of employment.

“(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply if compliance would cause the public employer to commit a violation of a federal law, regulation, contract, or funding agreement.”.

Sec. 3. Section 3 of the Department of Corrections Employee Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing Act of 1996, effective September 20, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-158; DC. Official Code § 24-211.22), is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) The testing program established pursuant to this title shall comply with the requirements of title XX-E of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-601.51-52).”

Sec. 4. Fiscal Impact.

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

82           Sec. 5. Effective date.

83           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
84   Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
85   provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
86   24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
87   Columbia Register.