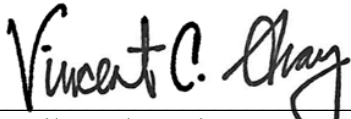


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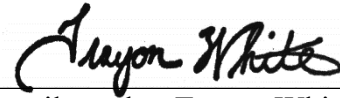
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26 To amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999 to allow
27 returning citizens to have greater participation in the cannabis industry.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
30 act may be cited as the "Returning Citizens Cannabis Equity Amendment Act of 2020".

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32 Sec. 2. The Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective
33 February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01. *et seq*) is amended as
34 follows:

35 (a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01) is amended by adding a new paragraph
36 (20A) to read as follows:

37 “(20A) “Returning citizen” means a person who is a resident of the District who
38 was previously incarcerated.”.

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

40 (1) Paragraph (13)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a
41 semicolon in its place.

42 (2) Paragraph (14) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
43 and” in its place.

44 (3) New paragraphs (15) and (16) are added to read as follows:

45 “(15) Establish and implement a program that provides an application fee waiver,
46 technical assistance with the application, and assistance with applying for any required license
47 for applicants seeking a dispensary, cultivation center, and testing laboratory registration which
48 have at least 51% ownership by returning citizens; and

49 “(16) Establish and implement a program that provides an approved applicant for
50 a dispensary, cultivation center, and testing laboratory registration with assistance in developing
51 a business plan and a plan for raising capital for approved applicants that have at least 51%
52 ownership by returning citizens.”.

53 (c) Section 7 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06) is amended as follows:

54 (1) Subsection (d)(5)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “certified business
55 enterprise” and inserting the phrase “either a certified business enterprise or a business with at
56 least 51% ownership by returning citizens” in its place.

57 (2) Subsection (j) is repealed.

58 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

62 Sec. 4. Effective date.

63 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
64 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
65 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
66 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
67 Columbia Register.