

A RESOLUTION

22-476

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999 to establish a preference for certified business enterprises that apply for the registration of a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Certified Business Enterprise Preference Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2017, the Council, on an emergency and temporary basis, amended 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 *et seq.*), to provide that a certified business enterprise be awarded preference points in an application for registration of a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory.

(b) The Medical Marijuana Certified Business Enterprise Preference Temporary Amendment Act of 2017, effective September 6, 2017 (D.C. Law 22-18; 64 DCR 6715) (“temporary legislation”), expires on April 19, 2018.

(c) Permanent legislation, which has been introduced and referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development for further action, will not be law before the expiration of the temporary legislation.

(d) It is important the provisions of the temporary legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until permanent law is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Medical Marijuana Certified Business Enterprise Preference Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.