

A RESOLUTION

23-197

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to prohibit the District of Columbia government from discriminating, in employment, against an individual for participation in a medical marijuana program; and to amend the Department of Corrections Employee Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing Act of 1996 to do the same.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 18, 2019, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on July 8, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-77; 66 DCR 8089) (“emergency act”), which is set to expire on October 6, 2019.

(b) On July 9, 2019, the Council passed the Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, on final reading, enacted on September 5, 2019, (D.C. Act 23-114) (“temporary act”), which has been transmitted to Congress for the required 30-day review period.

(c) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the anticipated effective date of the temporary act.

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 Program Patient Employment Protection Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.