

A RESOLUTION

24-635

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 4, 2022

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 remove the limit on the number of plants that a cultivation center may grow.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The law had limited the number of plants that a cultivation center could lawfully grow to 1,000 (“plant count limit”), before the Council repealed the plant count limit temporarily.

(b) The plant count limit unnecessarily created a shortage of products and limited the variety of strains available to patients.

(c) The shortage of product put District cultivators and dispensaries at a disadvantage in competition with the underground market as well as with neighboring states with larger medical marijuana programs.

(d) The Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective March 2, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-84; 68 DCR 12380), which removed the limit, will expire on October 23, 2022.

(e) There exists an immediate need to maintain the repeal of the limit on the number of plants that a marijuana cultivation center may grow on an emergency, and temporary, basis until a permanent repeal is enacted.

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 Plant Count Elimination Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.