

A RESOLUTION

25-428

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2024

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 provide a deadline date by which existing cultivation centers and dispensaries must file their applications with ABCA for additional medical cannabis facility licenses, to not allow a cultivation center to also hold an internet retailer license, to provide that the 2 cultivation center registration applicants that tied for second and received the same total score after submitting a medical cannabis facility registration application to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board between November 29, 2021 and March 28, 2022, be awarded a cultivation center registration, to provide that other cultivation center and dispensary registration applicants that scored 150 points or more after submitting a medical cannabis facility registration application to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board during the same open application period be considered for a cultivation center or retailer registration, and to allow a cultivation center and dispensary registration applicant that scored 150 points or more to change the location of its facility without otherwise affecting the status of its application.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to provide a deadline date by which existing cultivation centers and dispensaries must file their applications with ABCA for additional medical cannabis facility licenses, increase medical cannabis product availability to prohibit a cultivation center from also holding an internet retailer license, provide that the 2 cultivation center registration applicants that submitted a medical cannabis facility registration application to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) between November 29, 2021 and March 28, 2022 (“open application period”) that tied for second and received the same score be awarded a cultivation center registration, and provide that other cultivation center and dispensary registration applicants that scored 150 points or more after submitting a cultivation center or dispensary application to the ABC Board during the same open application period to be considered for a cultivation center or retailer registration.

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(b) In April 2023, the Council enacted legislation to address the above-mentioned issues. The temporary, the Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective July 20, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-31; 70 DCR 7924) (“temporary act”), expires on March 1, 2024.

(c) Comprehensive permanent legislation addressing these issues has been introduced but must complete the legislative process.

(d) It is of vital importance that the provisions of the temporary act continue in effect until the permanent legislation has become law.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.