

A RESOLUTION

25-490

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency basis, due to congressional review, 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 Congressional Review 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, 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

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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.

(b) In February 2024, the Council enacted the Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective February 22, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-403; 71 DCR 2101), (“emergency legislation”) and the Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on March 5, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-679), (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-referenced needs.

(c) The emergency legislation expires on May 22, 2024. The temporary legislation must still complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law until after the emergency legislation has expired.

(d) It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.