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6 A BILL

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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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11 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment  
12 Initiative of 1999 to prohibit medical cannabis retailer licensees from locating within 300  
13 feet of preschools, primary and secondary schools, and recreation centers without  
14 exception, and to authorize medical cannabis retailer license applicants whose locations  
15 are within 300 feet of preschools, primary and secondary schools, and recreation centers  
16 to change the location of the retailer facility on its application within 180 calendar days  
17 after the effective date of this act.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
19 act may be cited as the “Prohibition of Cannabis Retailers Near Schools Emergency Amendment  
20 Act of 2024”.

21 Sec. 2. Section 7a of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of  
22 1999, effective February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06a), is  
23 amended as follows:

24 (a) Subsection (a) is amended by adding a new paragraph (3A) to read as follows:

25 “(3A) An unlicensed establishment that actually applied for a retailer license  
26 under paragraph (3) of this subsection shall be allowed to change the location of the retailer  
27 facility on its application within 180 calendar days after the effective date of the Prohibition of  
28 Cannabis Retailers Near Schools Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, passed on emergency

29 basis on April 2, 2024 (Enrolled version of Bill 25-XXX), without negatively affecting the status  
30 of the application, provided that:

31                   “(A) The location of the establishment in the original application filed  
32 with ABCA was within 300 feet of a preschool, primary or secondary school, or recreation  
33 center; and

34                   “(B) The main entrance to the preschool, primary or secondary school, or  
35 recreation center, or the nearest property line of the school or recreation center, is actually on or  
36 occupies ground zoned commercial or industrial according to the official atlases of the Zoning  
37 Commission of the District of Columbia.”.

38           (b) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “shall not apply where” and inserting  
39 the phrase “shall not apply to cultivation center or internet retailer license applications where” in  
40 its place.

41           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

42           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
43 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
44 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

45           Sec. 4. Effective date.

46           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
47 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
48 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section

- 49 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
- 50 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).