

A RESOLUTION

25-550

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 9, 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 set a new expiration date for qualifying patient and caregiver registration identification cards from 2 years to 6 years and to require the surrender of a registration card and notification of any registered caregiver when a person no longer requires medical cannabis; and to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish the 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week for 2024.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to set a new expiration date for qualifying patient and caregiver registration identification cards from 2 years to 6 years, require the surrender of a registration card and notification of any registered caregiver when a person no longer requires medical cannabis, and to authorize the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration to summarily close an unlicensed retailer; and to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish the 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week for 2024.

(b) In April 2024, the Council enacted the Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective April 8, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-437; 71 DCR 4118), (“emergency legislation”) and the Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on May 7, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-761), (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-referenced needs.

(c) The emergency legislation expires on July 7, 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.

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(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 Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.