

A RESOLUTION

25-593

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to allow the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board to issue temporary non-resident registration identification cards that are valid for periods between 3 days and no longer than one year in length, allow licensed testing laboratories to receive and test samples of medical cannabis products from qualifying patients, allow licensed testing laboratories to conduct quality assurance or research and development testing for cultivation centers and manufacturers, amend the definition of a social equity applicant to include arrests and convictions of qualifying family members for a cannabis or drug offense, expand the list of eligible family members under the social equity applicant definition to include siblings and grandparents, clarify that existing licensed cultivation centers and retailers, and applicants that scored 150 points or more during the open application period that occurred between November 29, 2021 and March 28, 2022 that are authorized by statute to receive a cultivation center, manufacturer, or retailer license apart from a designated open application period are not counted in calculating the 50% set aside requirement, clarify that the five cultivation center registration applicants that scored 150 points or more during the same open application period shall automatically receive a manufacturer license provided they pay the annual fee and register with the ABC Board, allow the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board to issue conditional licenses to testing laboratory applicants, and to waive the application fee for testing laboratory licenses.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to issue temporary non-resident registration identification cards that are valid for periods between 3 days and no longer than one year in length and to waive the application fee for testing laboratory licenses, among other things.

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(b) In July 2023, the Council enacted legislation to address the above-mentioned issues. The temporary, the Medical Cannabis Clarification and Non-Resident Patient Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective November 28, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-73; 70 DCR 15608) (“temporary act”), expires on July 10, 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 and Non-Resident Patient Access Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.