

A RESOLUTION

25-594

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to define the terms non-District resident and another jurisdiction, and to provide the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board with the authority to issue patient and caregiver registration cards at no cost.

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

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to define the terms non-District resident and another jurisdiction, and to provide the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board with the authority to issue patient and caregiver registration cards at no cost.

(b) In October 2023, the Council enacted legislation to address the above-mentioned issues. The temporary, the Medical Cannabis Patient Access Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective January 23, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-103; 71 DCR 1651) (“temporary act”), expires on September 4, 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 Patient Access Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.