A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1998 to authorize the dispensation of medical marijuana to and use by qualifying patients over the age of 21 at safe-use facilities, to allow qualifying patients, upon application to the Mayor for a medical marijuana registration identification card, to immediately purchase medical marijuana on a provisional basis, subject to the approval or rejection of a registration application, to eliminate the limit on the number of marijuana plants that cultivation centers are permitted to grow, and to allow for the delivery of medical marijuana to qualified patients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Patient Health and Accessibility Improvement Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1998, effective February 25, 2010 (D.C. Law 13-315; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.01) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (2) is repealed.

(2) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “dispensaries” and inserting the phrase “dispensaries and safe-use treatment facilities” in its place.
(c) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.02) is amended as follows:

issue a registration identification card or a notice of denial.

of the registration required pursuant to subsection (c)(1)(B) of this section until the Department

pursuant to section 6, be considered provisionally approved, and may use the application as proof

subsection (c)(2) of this section, shall, upon submission of their first application for registration

qualifying patients enrolled in another jurisdiction’s medical marijuana program pursuant to

Nevadahand subsection (c) of this section, qualifying patients, except

(c-1) To read as follows:

A new subsection (a) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.02) is amended by adding a new subsection

cultivation center, testing laboratory, or dispensary.

use facility shall be a fully enclosed structure, unless it is solely shares a wall with a marijuana

patient can purchase and administer medical marijuana for on-site use only; provided, that a sale-

organization or business registered with the Mayor pursuant to section 6 at which a qualifying

(20A)(A) "Safe-use treatment facility" means a facility operated by an

(6) A new paragraph (20A) is added to read as follows:

and inserting the phrases "possessed, dispersed, and delivered" in this place.

(5) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the phrase "possessed and dispersed"

qualifying patient or caretaker of the patient or qualifying caregiver’s residence.

(5A) "Deliver" means to transport and distribute medical marijuana to a

(4) A new paragraph (5A) is added to read as follows:

(3) Paragraph (5A) is redesignated as paragraph (5B),
(2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the word "paragraph" and inserting "its place:"

Laboratories and inserting the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use reagent facilities in"

(c) Subparagraph (c) is amended by striking the phrase "and testing"

(f) (2) safe-use reagent facilities and"

(b) A new subparagraph (d)(ii) is added to read as follows:

"A new subparagraph (d)(i) is added by striking the word "and"

(1) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

Section 6.1.(c), Official Code § 7-1671.03 is amended as follows:

(2) Subsection (d) is repealed.

whether the patient qualifies for the use of medical marijuana; and" in its place:

inserting the phrase "patient, including a professional relationship established solely to assess"

(1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "patient, and"

Section 5.1.(c), Official Code § 7-1671.04 is amended as follows:

inserting the phrase "testing laboratory, or safe-use reagent facility" in its place:

(3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratory, and"

Section 5.1.(c), Official Code § 7-1671.04 is amended as follows:

inserting the phrase "testing laboratory, or safe-use reagent facility" in its place:

(2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratory, and"

in its place:

and inserting the phrase "for the facility, or a safe-use reagent facility"
Section 7 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.09) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(2) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(3) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(4) Paragraph (g) is amended by striking the phrase "dispensaries, distribution centers, and cultivation centers" in its place.

(5) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(6) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(7) Paragraph (12) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(8) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

(9) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase "testing laboratories, and safe-use treatment facilities" in its place.

The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase "and testing" in its place.

Issues a registration identification card or a notice of denial, in its place.

The application for a registration identification card as proof of registration until the Department
The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “Dispensaries and cultivation centers” and inserting the phrase “Dispensaries, cultivation centers, and safe-use treatment facilities” in its place.

Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “dispensing the medical marijuana” and inserting the phrase “possessing and holding the medical marijuana” in its place.

Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) Strike the phrase “and possess” and insert the phrase “possess, and transport” in its place.

(B) Strike the phrase “a dispensary” and inserting the phrase “a dispensary” in its place.

(C) Strike the phrase “transporting” in its place.

(D) Strike the phrase “testing laboratory” in its place.

(E) Strike the phrase “testing laboratory, and safe-use facility” in its place.

Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “commercial” and inserting the phrase “commercial or community” in its place.

(B) Paragraph (3) is amended by adding new subparagaphs (C) and (D) to read as follows:

(C) Any applicant that submits an application on July 19, 2015, for a registration to operate a cultivation center shall be allowed to modify the location of the laboratory and testing facility described in the application without restriction.
another safe-use renewable facility.

A safe-use renewable facility shall not be located within 3,000 feet of any dispensary.

A new subsection (g)(d) is added to read as follows:

(11) inserting the phrase "testing laboratory, or safe-use renewable facility" in its place.

Subsection (g)(e) is amended by striking the phrase "or testing laboratory.

Subsection (g) is amended to read as follows:


Council in section 4 of the Registration Procedure Act of 1981, effective March 16, 1982 (D.C.

safe-use renewable facilities may be registered to operate within an election ward established by the

operating in the District shall be determined by ratio of: provided, that no more than 4 safe-use

(c) A new paragraph (g) is added to read as follows:

District for the purposes of production.

A registered cultivation center may open a second location within the

cultivation center on its application without negatively affecting the current status of the
Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "and dispensary", and inserting the phrase "and dispensary" wherever it appears in this place.

Section 11(a) of the Official Code § 7-1671.13(a) is amended as follows:

"Research Laboratories, and "Research Laboratories, safety use treatment facilities, and dispensary", and wherever it appears in this place, "Research Laboratories, safety use treatment facilities, and dispensary", is amended by striking the phrase "Research Laboratories, safety use treatment facilities, and dispensary", and inserting the phrase "Research Laboratories, safety use treatment facilities, and dispensary", in its place.

Section 9(c) of the Official Code § 7-1671.8(g) is amended as follows:

"Medical treatment facility", and wherever it appears in this place, "Medical treatment facility", is amended by striking the phrase "Medical treatment facility", and inserting the phrase "Medical treatment facility", in its place.

Subsection (b) of the Official Code § 7-1671.6(g) is amended as follows:

"Residential laboratory, or safety use treatment facility", and wherever it appears in this place, "Residential laboratory, or safety use treatment facility", is amended by striking the phrase "Residential laboratory, or safety use treatment facility", and inserting the phrase "Residential laboratory, or safety use treatment facility", in its place.

Subsection (j) of the Official Code § 7-1671.6(g) is amended as follows:

"Residential laboratory, and safety use treatment facility", and wherever it appears in this place, "Residential laboratory, and safety use treatment facility", is amended by striking the phrase "Residential laboratory, and safety use treatment facility", and inserting the phrase "Residential laboratory, and safety use treatment facility", in its place.
Columbia Register.

24. 1973 (R7), S.B. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-200.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register. Provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act approved December 24, 1973 (S.B. 813), 40-day period of congressional review as Mayor’s action by the Council to override the veto.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, over the veto).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

Approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47(a)).


The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

Insert the phrase “testing laboratories, or safe-use renewable facilities” in its place.

Paragraph (g) is amended by striking the phrase “testing laboratories” and inserting the phrase “testing laboratories centers, and safe-use renewable facilities” in its place.

Paragraph (f) is amended by striking the phrase “testing laboratories centers, and safe-use renewable facilities” in its place.

Paragraph (g) is amended by striking the phrase “testing laboratories, and safe-use renewable facilities” in its place.

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