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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Legalization of
16 Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999 to remove the limit on the number of
17 plants that a cultivation center may grow.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
20 resolution may be cited as the “Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Emergency
21 Declaration Resolution of 2021”.
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23 Sec. 2. (a) The law had limited the number of plants that a cultivation center may grow
24 (“plant count limit”) to 1,000, before the Council repealed the plant count limit temporarily in
25 2019 and 2020.

26 (b) The plant count limit unnecessarily creates a shortage of products and limits the
27 variety of strains available to patients.

28 (c) This shortage of product puts District cultivators and dispensaries at a disadvantage in
29 competition with the underground market as well as with neighboring states with larger medical
30 marijuana programs.

31 (d) The Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Amendment Act of 2020,
32 effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-253; 68 DCR 003675) will expire on October 27, 2021.

33 (e) There exists an immediate need to maintain the repeal of the arbitrary limit on the
34 number of plants that a marijuana cultivation center may grow on an emergency, and temporary,
35 basis until a permanent repeal is enacted.

36 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
37 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
38 Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted
39 after a single reading.

40 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.