The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the Medical Cannabis Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking, which the Board approved on March 3, 2021, by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). The emergency and proposed rulemaking amends Subtitle C of Title 22 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in its entirety, including the following:

1. Clarifying the civil fines range and process;
2. Allowing qualifying patients to administer or have medical cannabis administered at locations other than their residence, including the residence of another if permitted, or at a school with a policy for administering medication on the premises;
3. Allowing dispensaries to offer educational classes and demonstrations;
4. Permitting the delivery and curbside pickup of medical cannabis and allowing dispensaries to have up to five (5) delivery vehicles; and eliminating from the regulations the maximum number of cannabis plants that a cultivation center can grow at one time;
5. Establishing the process for conducting show cause, fact finding, and safekeeping hearings; and
6. Revising the appeals process to clarify that appeals of the Board’s decisions are sent to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals rather than to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

On April 28, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. the Board will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Medical Cannabis Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking.

HEARING INFORMATION

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021

FORMAT: Virtual Hearing Conducted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Individuals and representatives of organizations who want to testify should contact ABRA General Counsel Martha Jenkins at abra.legal@dc.gov no later than Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Please include the full name, title, and organization, if applicable, contact number, and e-mail address of the person(s) testifying in the e-mail. Instructions regarding your participation in the virtual hearing will be emailed to you once you notify ABRA of your interest.

Members of the public who are unable to participate in the virtual hearing are encouraged to provide written comments, which will be made a part of the Board’s official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to ABRA General Counsel Martha Jenkins no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021, at ABRA’s mailing address or e-mail address stated above.