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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: March 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Medical Marijuana Certified Business
Enterprise Preference Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-161, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on March 9, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in fiscal year 2018 and the proposed fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill establishes¹ a point preference for certified business enterprises (CBEs)² applying to operate a medical marijuana dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory in the District of Columbia. CBEs will be awarded the greater of 20 points or 7.5 percent of the total available points when applying for a registration. Currently, a six-member panel reviews and scores each medical marijuana dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory registration based on a 250-point scale.³

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in fiscal year 2018 and the proposed fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There is no cost to providing CBEs with a point preference during the medical marijuana dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory registration review and scoring process.

¹ Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999, effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-219; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06(d)).

² As defined in Section 2302(1D) of the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2-218.02(1D)).

³ 22-C DCMR § 5402.1.