

# MEDICAL CANNABIS BEVERAGE PRODUCT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2026

The Medical Cannabis Beverage Product Amendment Act of 2026 creates a legal framework for the collaborative production and sale of cannabis-infused beverages in D.C. By allowing collaborations between the medical cannabis and alcohol industries, this bill seeks to address manufacturing challenges and provide a new revenue stream for local businesses.

<p><b>KEY PROVISIONS: HOW IT WORKS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business Partnerships:</b> Licensed medical cannabis manufacturers can partner with local breweries and distilleries to produce beverages.</li> <li>• <b>Production Endorsement:</b> Breweries/distilleries can obtain a “Medical Cannabis Production Endorsement” for \$500 annually to manufacture these products.</li> <li>• <b>Importation:</b> Medical cannabis manufacturers may apply for a \$1,000 annual endorsement to import non-intoxicating cannabinoids for production.</li> <li>• <b>Mandatory Testing:</b> All beverages must be tested by a DC-licensed laboratory before retail distribution.</li> <li>• <b>Taxation:</b> A six (6) percent sales tax applies to all medical cannabis beverage sales.</li> </ul>
<p><b>STRICT LIMITATIONS: WHAT IS PROHIBITED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alcohol-Free Only:</b> All medical cannabis beverages are strictly prohibited from containing any alcohol.</li> <li>• <b>No Direct Distribution:</b> Breweries and distilleries cannot sell products directly to consumers; they must return finished products to the medical cannabis manufacturer for testing and distribution.</li> <li>• <b>Restricted Retail:</b> Sales are prohibited in bars, restaurants, liquor stores, or grocery stores. Products are only available via licensed medical cannabis retailers.</li> <li>• <b>Patient Access Only:</b> Sales are limited to registered medical cannabis patients. Patients under 21 require a healthcare practitioner’s recommendation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INDUSTRY AND FISCAL IMPACT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Revenue Source:</b> The bill provides an additional revenue source for D.C. breweries and distilleries while expanding the types of products that retailers can offer to medical cannabis patients.</li> <li>• <b>Increased Patient Options:</b> Beverages provide a smoke free alternative to patients including those dealing with respiratory issues.</li> <li>• <b>General Fund Contributions:</b> Starting in FY27, all medical cannabis sales taxes will be deposited into the District’s General Fund.</li> </ul>