

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**REVISED**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**B22-0688, THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0689, THE OMNIBUS ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE IMPROVEMENT AND  
QUALITY LONG TERM CARE ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0690, THE STUDY OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACT OF  
2018**

**B22-0742, THE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE AMENDMENT ACT  
OF 2018**

**B22-0743, THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0784, THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFE ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0785, THE PATIENT CENTERED MATERNAL CARE PROGRAM ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0790, THE STUDENT CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018**

**B22-0807, THE MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA AMENDMENT ACT OF  
2018**

**B22-0808, THE BABY-FRIENDLY HOSPITAL INITIATIVE ACT OF 2018**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018  
10 A.M., ROOM 500, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 22-0688, the “Athletic Trainers Clarification Amendment Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0689, the “the “Omnibus Assisted Living Residence Improvement and Quality Long Term Care Act of 2018” Bill 22-0690, the “Study of Long-Term Care Services and Supports Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0742, the “Mental Health Information Disclosure Amendment Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0743, the “Preservation of Electronic Recordings of Meetings Amendment Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0784, the “Certified Professional Midwife Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0785, the “Patient Centered Maternal Care Program Act of 2018”, Bill

22-0790, the “Student Certificate of Health Amendment Act of 2018”, Bill 22-0807, the “Medical Necessity Review Criteria Amendment Act of 2018”, and Bill 22-0808, the “Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Act of 2018”. The hearing will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 10 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building. **This hearing notice is revised to reflect the addition of Bill 22-0688, Bill 22-0742, Bill 22-0743, Bill 22-0784, Bill 22-0785, Bill 22-0790, Bill 22-0807, Bill 22-0808 to the hearing agenda.**

Bill 22-0688, the “Athletic Trainers Clarification Amendment Act of 2018”, would allow athletic trainers to diagnose physical disabilities and to rehabilitate injuries resulting from concussions. It expands the scope of injuries that can be treated by athletic trainers and expands available methods of treatment. It increases the membership of the Board of Physical Therapy from 7 to 10. It also allows the Mayor to waive requirements regarding the education of audiology and speech language pathology and licensure for one year for those with 5 years of school-based speech language pathology experience.

Bill 22-0689, the “Omnibus Assisted Living Residence Improvement and Quality Long Term Care Act of 2018”, would amend the Assisted Living Residence Regulatory Act of 2000 by establishing standards for DOH inspection of resident files and resident agreements for compliance with the D.C. Code; establishing that inspection reports, investigative findings and other data be made available online; establishing a resident's right to civil action against an ALR for violations; requiring an ALR to develop policies related to medication administration and errors, resident falls, individual service plans, transfer and discharge, complaints and grievances, abuse and neglect, emergency and evacuation, lifeline response, use of surveillance and video recording, and resident visitation; ensuring resident (and resident representative) access to resident records, occupancy and staffing information, and an annual report of revenue and expenses for the ALR; requiring a photo directory of employees and contractors as well as a directory of current residents; requiring an ALR to facilitate access to care as needed, including assistance with making and keeping scheduled appointments and arranging transportation; establishing that a resident may use the pharmacy of one's choice and to self-administer medication if able to do so; requiring an ALR with capacity for more than 60 residents employ an independent licensed clinical social worker at least 20 hours per week (40 hours a week for ALR capacity of more than 120 residents); requiring a registered nurse to be onsite at all times and that the ALR maintain consistent staff to resident ratios for nurses, care managers and direct care staff for all shifts; provides that an ALR permit each resident to remain in the ALR, and not transfer or discharge the resident unless the clinical or behavioral status of the resident endangers others; establishing that a resident has an absolute right to reside in and have access to one's living unit at all times; and stipulating that any effort to immediately restrict a resident from accessing one's living unit without required proper notice is considered an unlawful involuntary discharge and subjects the ALR to fines, penalties and expense reimbursement.

Bill 22-0690, the “Study of Long-Term Care Services and Supports Act of 2018”, would require the Department of Health to conduct a study to evaluate availability of affordable long-term care facilities, services and supports for residents of the District of Columbia to ensure that they can age in place.

Bill 22-0742, the “Mental Health Information Disclosure Amendment Act of 2018”, permits the disclosure of mental health information by third-party payors to health care providers, in certain circumstances. It establishes notification requirements to clients when a third-party makes such a request. It also allows clients to prevent the disclosure of mental health information.

Bill 22-0743, the “Preservation of Electronic Recordings of Meetings Amendment Act of 2018”, requires that electronic recordings of meetings of certain public bodies shall be preserved for a minimum of five years. It also requires the retention of electronic recordings of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation for a minimum of 5 years.

Bill 22-0784, the “Certified Professional Midwife Act of 2018”, establishes the Board of Certified Midwives to regulate the practice of midwifery in the District of Columbia. It establishes qualifications necessary to obtain a license to practice midwifery. It also permits Certified Professional Midwives to supervise services at a Maternity birthing center. Among other things it requires every maternity center to have written Practice Guidelines establishing procedures for both normal and emergency care.

Bill 22-0785, the “Patient Centered Maternal Care Program Act of 2018”, requires the Department of Health Care Finance to select an entity to provide services in a 4-Year Patient Centered Maternal Care Program. The applicant selected shall deliver preventative health and perinatal educational services to Medicaid eligible, high-risk expectant mothers residing in Wards 7 and 8.

Bill 22-0790, the “Student Certificate of Health Amendment Act of 2018”, requires the Mayor to establish a uniform method by which all examining physicians, advanced practice nurses, dentists or other health professionals shall transmit a certificate of health, lead poisoning, immunization or dental health to the Mayor.

Bill 22-0807, the “Medical Necessity Review Criteria Amendment Act of 2018”, requires that any proposed amendment to the terms "medical necessity" or "medically necessary" as those terms are defined in Section 3499.1 of Title 22 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, be issued by the Department of Behavioral Health ("Department ") by rulemaking, to require the Department to issue rules to establish criteria to determine whether mental health rehabilitation services are medically necessary pursuant to section 3404.2 of Title 22A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, and to subject such rules to Council approval.

Bill 22-0808, the “Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Act of 2018”, would require that all general acute care hospitals and special hospitals adopt the "Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding" sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.