

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
Notice of Public Hearing

**COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

ANNOUNCES

**A PUBLIC HEARING
ON**

**B16-0334, THE "MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE REFORM
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2005"**

**Monday, March 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will convene a public hearing to discuss Bill 16-0334, the "Medical Malpractice Insurance Reform Amendment Act of 2005".

Bill 16-0334 would authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking to consider a malpractice insurer's surplus in ratemaking if the surplus is unreasonably large; require prior approval of rate increases exceeding 7%; authorize refunds to physicians who have paid excessive rates; enable physicians and consumers to challenge rate increases; make rate filings public information; and enable physicians to obtain insurance quotations from multiple medical malpractice insurers.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Those who wish to testify should contact John Adams at (202) 724-8198 before 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2006. Individual public witnesses will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation and should bring 16 copies of their testimony to the Public Hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the Public Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to John Adams, Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Room 112, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2006.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance and Revenue**

Notice of Public Roundtable

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

Bill 16-608, the "Estimated Tax Penalties Waiver and Refund Act of 2006"

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 – 12:15 p.m.

Room 120, John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public roundtable on Bill 16-608, the "Estimated Tax Penalties Waiver and Refund Act of 2006". The public roundtable will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 16-608, the "Estimated Tax Penalties Waiver and Refund Act of 2006" would waive unpaid estimated tax interest and penalties for payments, from the first three quarterly payment periods, due before January 1, 2006, and refund any interest and penalties paid by taxpayers for periods beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2005.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the roundtable. Those who wish to testify should contact Ruth Werner, Legislative Analyst at (202) 724-8058 or rwerner@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows each 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 rwerner@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004. The roundtable record will close ten days following the conclusion of the roundtable. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.