

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs
Notice of Public Hearing
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

ABBREVIATED NOTICE

COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Announces A Public Hearing

on

**PR18-502: The Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Approval
Resolution of 2009**

on

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Room 500
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on PR18-502: The Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Approval Resolution of 2009. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m., in Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. **This notice is abbreviated to ensure timely notice to the public.**

PR18-502: The Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Approval Resolution of 2009 would approve proposed rules adopted by the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB) to ensure that District regulations establishing minimum standards for the Medicare supplement reflect recent changes to federal law. Two recent federal laws, the "Medicare Improvements for Patient and Providers Act of 2008" and the "Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008", have resulted in changes to the Medicare supplement. DISB's rules will bring the District into conformity with revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Model Regulations to Implement the NAIC Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via

email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Monday, October 12, 2009. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 18-482, Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009

on

**Monday, October 26, 2009
3:30 p.m., 5th Floor Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 18-482, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009. The public hearing will be held at 3:30 p.m. on October 26, 2009 in the 5th Floor Council Chambers of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-482 is to amend the law to permit same-sex couples to marry in the District of Columbia; to ensure that no priest, minister, imam, or rabbi of any religious denomination and no official of any non-profit religious organization authorized to solemnize marriages shall be required to celebrate any marriage if doing so violates his or her right to the free exercise of religion; to protect religious freedom with respect to doctrine and public accommodations; and to amend the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992 to discontinue the registration of new domestic partnerships after January 1, 2011 and to allow any existing domestic partners to either continue their domestic partnership or convert their domestic partnership into a marriage without paying an additional fee.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Deborah Kelly, Legislative Clerk, at (202) 724-7808, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at dkelly@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Thursday, October 22, 2009. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Thursday, October 22, 2009 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. **As it is anticipated that a large number of witnesses will testify, witnesses will be limited to three minutes of testimony.** The Committee will continue this hearing at a later date if the number of witnesses exceeds what can be reasonably accommodated in a single day.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Kelly, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 18-426, the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act of 2009

and

Bill 18-427, the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act of 2009

on

**Monday, November 23, 2009
11:00 a.m., Hearing Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 18-426, the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act of 2009, and Bill 18-427, Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act of 2009. The public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 23, 2009 in Hearing Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-426 is to enact the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, to provide simple procedures for courts in the District of Columbia to issue subpoenas for out-of-state depositions and discovery, and for other purposes.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-427 is to enact the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, to permit a person physically located outside of the United States to make a sworn declaration in writing subject to the penalties of perjury having the same effect as a sworn declaration, and for other purposes.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Deborah Kelly Legislative Clerk, at 724-7808 or fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at dkelly@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Thursday, November 19, 2009. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Thursday, November 19, 2009 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Kelly, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Committee on Health
Notice of Joint Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY**

and

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID CATANIA, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 18-71, Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act of 2009

on

**Thursday, November 19, 2009
10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, and Councilmember David Catania, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announce a joint public hearing on Bill 18-71, the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act of 2009. The public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 2009 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-71 is to improve the ability of out-of-state health practitioners to be quickly deployed to health care facilities and disaster relief organizations during an emergency pursuant to clear and well-understood rules that will both meet the needs of volunteers and relief agencies and provide an effective framework to ensure the delivery of high quality care to disaster victims.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Brian Moore, Legislative Counsel to the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, at (202) 724-7758, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at bmoore@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Mr. Moore, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Works and Transportation
Notice of a Public Oversight Hearing

**COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON

“THE STATUS OF RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA”

**Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 2:00 pm
Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, will convene a public oversight hearing on “The Status of Residential Recycling in the District of Columbia”. The public oversight hearing will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Councilmember Graham will hold the oversight hearing to obtain information from residents and the Department of Public Works on the status and overall effectiveness of the District’s recycling program. Councilmember Graham will hear concerns about the current residential recycling program and suggestions on ways to improve the diversion rate for recyclables, including year round yard waste collection and composting and other initiatives.

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 De Taeye 724.7774 before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Witnesses should bring 16 copies of their testimony to the hearing. Individuals will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation; individuals representing organizations or groups, 5 minutes.

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 De Taeye, Committee on Public Works and Transportation, Room 116, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004, or electronically at jdetaye@dccouncil.us, by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2009.