

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

ABBREVIATED NOTICE

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID A. CATANIA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

&

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

Announce a Joint Public Hearing

On

**B18-622: Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative
Amendment Act of 2010**

On

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Room 123
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember David A. Catania, Chair of the Committee on Health, and Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announce a Joint Public Hearing on B18-622, the "Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative Amendment Act of 2010". The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 123 of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The purpose of the bill is to amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1998 to define key terms; to limit the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes to qualifying patients; to require written recommendation from one's primary physician as a condition for the medicinal use of marijuana; to clarify who may lawfully manufacture, possess, distribute, or use marijuana; to clarify how a primary caregiver may be designated; to limit the distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes to registered dispensaries; to require the parent or guardian of a minor that is using marijuana for medicinal purposes to control the minor's use; and to require the Mayor to issue rules to regulate the manufacture, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel of witnesses. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Jennifer Barry of the Committee on Health via email at

jbarry@dccouncil.us or phone at (202) 724-8170 and shall provide their names, contact information, and organizational affiliation, if any, by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010. Witnesses shall bring 15 copies of their statement 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. on March 2, 2010.

Notice for this joint hearing has been abbreviated to reflect that the hearing will take place at 2:00 p.m. on February 23, 2010 instead of 10:00 a.m. on February 11, 2010 as originally scheduled, and so that the Council can expeditiously review this critical issue.

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

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

Announces A Public Hearing

On

Bill 18-499: Health Insurance for Dependents Act of 2009
Bill 18-528: Health Insurance for Children with Autism Act of 2009
Bill 18-656: Healthcare Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence Reform Act of 2010
Bill 18-657: Ian's Law for the District of Columbia Act of 2010

On

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Room 412
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 Bill 18-499: Health Insurance for Dependents Act of 2009, Bill 18-528: Health Insurance for Children with Autism Act of 2009, Bill 18-656: Healthcare Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence Reform Act of 2010, and Bill 18-657: Ian's Law for the District of Columbia Act of 2010. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 412, of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 18-499 requires health insurers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and evidence-based, medically necessary treatment, including applied behavior analysis, of autism spectrum disorders for individuals under the age of 21. Autism treatment, especially if started early, can significantly mitigate the effects of autism and dramatically improve opportunities and outcomes for our children.

Bill 18-528 requires health insurance companies to make coverage available to eligible dependents through age 25. Currently in the District, there is no required benefit beyond coverage for students through the age of 19. Beyond the age of 19, District law is essentially silent on the issue – as a result the dependent child age maximum varies by

insurance carrier and by the type of coverage selected. This bill would ensure that dependents have the option of receiving health insurance benefits.

According to the National Women's Law Center, the District is one of just eight states that do not have an explicit ban against using domestic violence as a pre-existing condition. As a result, our residents who are victims of domestic violence are more susceptible to discrimination from insurance companies. Discrimination based upon a person's status as a victim of domestic violence is problematic because it may prevent victims from seeking medical care, may prevent victims from acquiring insurance coverage, and it may discourage victims from seeking counseling or leaving an abusive relationship. Bill 18-656 will solve these problems by prohibiting insurers from inquiring into whether an insured or applicant is, or has been, the victim of domestic violence. It also bars insurers from denying or limiting insurance coverage based upon an individual's status as a victim of domestic violence.

Bill 18-657 would establish administrative review of the discontinuance of entire classes of health insurance policies and would require insurers to prove that they are not dropping a class of policies as a pretext for dropping an individual policyholder. The bill would empower consumers by creating a private right of action against insurers that violate the new law and would ensure that discontinued policyholders with severe illnesses and disabilities have at least 18 months of coverage if their coverage is legitimately discontinued following administrative review.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for organizations. Those wishing to testify should contact 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, March 22, 2010. 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 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

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

Abbreviated

COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

ANNOUNCES

A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B18-596, the "Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009",

**taking place during the Committee's scheduled FY 09/10 District Department
of Transportation Performance Oversight Hearing.**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 AT 11:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

On Friday, February 26, 2010, Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, will convene a public hearing on B18-596, the "Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009". This notice has been abbreviated to coordinate this public hearing with the District Department performance oversight hearing dealing with the District response to recent snow events.

Bill 18-596 would establish fines to enforce snow removal requirements; and to require the Mayor to issue rules.

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 Ms. April Hawkins-Mason at (202) 724-8195, or at ahawkinsmason@dccouncil.us, before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. 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 roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. April Hawkins-Mason, Committee on Public Works and Transportation, Room 116, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Abbreviated Notice

CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON

PR 18-689, "BELLEVUE SMALL AREA ACTION PLAN APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2010"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010, 11:30 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on PR 18-689, the "Bellevue Small Area Action Plan Approval Resolution of 2010." The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the Committee's oversight hearing on the performance and expenditures of the Office of Planning during FY 2009 and FY 2010 to date. Abbreviated notice is being provided to allow consideration of this measure within the Council's statutory review period.

PR 18-689, introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor, would approve a small area action plan for the Bellevue neighborhood, which is bounded by Southern Avenue SW on the south, First Street SE on the east, Halley Street SE on the north, and Second Street SW on the west, in Ward 8. The plan, which has been developed by the Office of Planning in collaboration with community stakeholders and District government agencies, identifies strategies that should be pursued to revitalize the Bellevue neighborhood, including: 1) Place priority on affordable rental and homeownership housing development; 2) Enhance the overall commercial environment in the Bellevue neighborhood; 3) Promote a self-sustaining community with educational and career development, recreational activities, and services; and 4) Encourage a mix of land uses at selected redevelopment sites with focus on visual and compatible development along the South Capitol Street corridor.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, or send e-mail to alatta@dccouncil.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Monday, February 22, 2010. They should also bring with them 20 copies of their written testimony or submit one copy of their written testimony by Monday, February 22, 2010. Persons presenting testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. Copies of PR 18-689 may be obtained from the Legislative Services Division of the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 2,

724-8050. The Bellevue Small Area Action Plan is also available on the DC Office of Planning web site at www.planning.dc.gov.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Oversight Hearing**

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

REVISED

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

YOUTH ISSUES

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010, 10:00 A.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces the monthly public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Youth Issues. It will occur on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber Room (500) of the John A. Wilson Building, which is located at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The purpose of the public oversight hearing is to hear testimony from District of Columbia youth regarding issues that impact their lives. **This Hearing Notice was revised to reflect the rescheduled date and time of this hearing, which was originally scheduled to occur on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**

Youth, aged 21 and younger, who wish to testify at this month's hearing should contact the Council's Office of Youth Programs at (202) 724-8176 to register or by email at youthprograms@dccouncil.us. Witnesses may also register online by visiting www.dccouncil.us/youthhearings. Witnesses must be registered by the close of business on Thursday, February 18, 2010. When registering to testify, persons should leave their name, telephone number, email and mailing addresses, and organization they are representing, if any. Each person presenting oral testimony may be limited to THREE (3) minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Witnesses testifying at the public hearing are requested to provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by February 18, 2010.

Written testimonies are strongly encouraged and will be made a part of the Council's official record. Witnesses interested in submitting written testimony are requested either to provide 20 copies of their testimony on the day of this hearing or submit one copy by February 18, 2010. Written testimony should be submitted to the Council's Office of Youth Programs, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite C-07, Washington, D.C. 20004, or emailed to youthprograms@dccouncil.us.