

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

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 22-0480, THE "VULNERABLE POPULATION AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"**

**BILL 22-0482, THE "LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AMENDMENT ACT
OF 2017"**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017
11 A.M., ROOM 412, 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 22-0480, the "Vulnerable Population and Employer Protection Amendment Act of 2017" and Bill 22-0482, the "Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Amendment Act of 2017." The hearing will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 11 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 22-0480, the "Vulnerable Population and Employer Protection Amendment Act of 2017" would amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to authorize a health occupations board to take disciplinary against a health professional who engages in the financial exploitation of a patient, client, or employer; provide for the summary suspension or restriction, without a hearing, of the license, registration or certification of a health professional who engages in the financial exploitation of a patient, client, or employer, as determined by the Mayor following an investigation; and define the term "financial exploitation."

Bill 22-0482, the "Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Amendment Act of 2017" would amend the District of Columbia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Act of 1988 to provide the Long-Term Care Ombudsman with authority to lead the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program in coordination with the Director of the Office on Aging; provide authority for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to make determinations and recommendations pertaining to residents' health, safety, welfare or rights; to clarify the responsibilities of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman; prohibit certain individuals from serving as the Long-Term Care Ombudsman; align provisions of District law with C.F.R. § 1324 *et seq.*; and align the abuse-reporting provisions for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman representatives of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman with federal law.

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; and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2017.

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 or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.