

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 22-0472, THE “PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXTORTION AMENDMENT ACT
OF 2017”**

**BILL 22-0628, THE “REVISED SYNTHETICS ABATEMENT AND FULL
ENFORCEMENT DRUG CONTROL AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0472, the “Protection from Sexual Extortion Amendment Act of 2017”, and Bill 22-0628, the “Revised Synthetics Abatement and Full Enforcement Drug Control Amendment Act of 2017”. The hearing will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0472, the “Protection from Sexual Extortion Amendment Act of 2017”, is to expand the definition of criminal extortion to encompass conduct such as sexual extortion.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0628, the “Revised Synthetics Abatement and Full Enforcement Drug Control Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981 to add certain classes and substances to the list of Schedule I controlled substances.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-7808, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, July 6**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.

Witnesses should bring **twenty double-sided copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on July 25.**