

**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 22-0314, THE “ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN TRAFFICKING
PROHIBITION ACT OF 2017”**

**BILL 22-0445, THE “SAFE ACCESS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

**BILL 22-0829, THE “ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE CLARIFICATION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018”**

BILL 22-0838, THE “ELDER ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM ACT OF 2018”

**BILL 22-0843, THE “CENTER FOR FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESEARCH
ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2018”**

**BILL 22-0877, THE “PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM EXTORTION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018”**

**BILL 22-0907, THE “SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SUNSHINE
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018”**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, October 4, 2018, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0314, the “Elephant Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn Trafficking Prohibition Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0445, the “Safe Access for Public Health Amendment Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0829, the “All-Terrain Vehicle Clarification

Amendment Act of 2018”; Bill 22-0838, the “Elder Abuse Response Team Act of 2018”; Bill 22-0843, the “Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research Establishment Act of 2018”; Bill 22-0877, the “Protecting Immigrants from Extortion Amendment Act of 2018”; and Bill 22-0907, the “Sexual Misconduct Sunshine Amendment Act of 2018”. The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:30 a.m., and the bills will be heard in the order listed above.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0314, the “Elephant Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn Trafficking Prohibition Act of 2017”, is to prohibit the import, sale, purchase, barter, or possession with intent to sell ivory and rhinoceros horn products.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0445, the “Safe Access for Public Health Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend Titles 25 and 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to remove possession of certain drug paraphernalia for personal use as a grounds for denial of a license; to amend the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981 to remove penalties for possession of certain drug paraphernalia for personal use; to amend the Drug Paraphernalia Act of 1982 to allow possession of certain drug paraphernalia for personal use; and to amend the District of Columbia Appropriations Act of 2001 to remove the prohibition on the operation of needle exchange programs in certain areas of the District.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0829, the “All-Terrain Vehicle Clarification Amendment Act of 2018”, is to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925 to clarify the definition of all-terrain vehicles, or “ATVs”.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0838, the “Elder Abuse Response Team Act of 2018”, is to establish an Elder Abuse Response Team to coordinate the functioning of victim services, medical forensic care, investigations, and prosecutions available to victims in elder abuse cases.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0843, the “Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research Establishment Act of 2018” is to establish the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention Research to research the causes and effects of urban firearm violence and to make recommendations to prevent firearm violence in the District of Columbia.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0877, the “Protecting Immigrants from Extortion Amendment Act of 2018”, is to amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 to expand the crime of extortion to include notification of law enforcement officials about another person’s immigration status.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0907, the “Sexual Misconduct Sunshine Amendment Act of 2018”, is to prohibit nondisclosure agreements, waivers, or other documents from preventing the disclosure of factual information related to claims alleging certain sexual offenses, sexual harassment, or discrimination; to prohibit employers from requiring employees, as a condition of their employment, to enter into nondisclosure agreements, waivers, or other documents that prevent them from disclosing factual information related to claims alleging such misconduct; to prohibit retaliation; to provide remedies; and to require the Mayor and the Office of the Attorney

General to submit an annual report to the Council regarding payments made with public funds for awards and settlements in connection with claims of such misconduct.

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 Monday, October 1**. 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 October 18.**