

**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 22-0689, OMNIBUS ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE IMPROVEMENT AND
QUALITY LONG TERM CARE ACT OF 2018**

**BILL 22-0690, STUDY OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACT OF
2018**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018
10 A.M., ROOM 500, 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 B22-0689, the "Omnibus Assisted Living Residence Improvement and Quality Long Term Care Act of 2018" and Bill 22-0690, the "Study of Long-Term Care Services and Supports Act of 2018." The hearing will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 10 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 22-0689, the "Omnibus Assisted Living Residence Improvement and Quality Long Term Care Act of 2018", would amend the Assisted Living Residence Regulatory Act of 2000 by establishing standards for DOH inspection of resident files and resident agreements for compliance with the D.C. Code; establishing that inspection reports, investigative findings and other data be made available online; establishing a resident's right to civil action against an ALR for violations; requiring an ALR to develop policies related to medication administration and errors, resident falls, individual service plans, transfer and discharge, complaints and grievances, abuse and neglect, emergency and evacuation, lifeline response, use of surveillance and video recording, and resident visitation; ensuring resident (and resident representative) access to resident records, occupancy and staffing information, and an annual report of revenue and expenses for the ALR; requiring a photo directory of employees and contractors as well as a directory of current residents; requiring an ALR to facilitate access to care as needed, including assistance with making and keeping scheduled appointments and arranging transportation; establishing that a resident may use the pharmacy of one's choice and to self-administer medication if able to do so; requiring an ALR with capacity for more than 60 residents employ an independent licensed clinical social worker at least 20 hours per week (40 hours a week for ALR capacity of more than 120 residents); requiring a registered nurse to be onsite at all times and that the ALR maintain consistent staff to resident ratios for nurses, care managers and direct care staff for all shifts; provides that an ALR permit each resident to remain in the ALR, and not transfer or discharge the resident unless the clinical or behavioral status of the resident endangers others; establishing that a resident has an absolute right to

reside in and have access to one's living unit at all times; and stipulating that any effort to immediately restrict a resident from accessing one's living unit without required proper notice is considered an unlawful involuntary discharge and subjects the ALR to fines, penalties and expense reimbursement.

Bill 22-0690, the "Study of Long-Term Care Services and Supports Act of 2018", would require the Department of Health to conduct a study to evaluate availability of affordable long-term care facilities, services and supports for residents of the District of Columbia to ensure that they can age in place.

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 Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

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.