

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Health**

Notice of Public Hearing

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON:

Bill 22-64, the "Extreme Weather Protection for Animals Act of 2017"

Proposed Resolution 22-72, the "Sense of the Council Regarding the Health Impacts of Heavy Backpacks Resolution of 2017"

Bill 22-106, the "Defending Access to Women's Health Care Services Amendment Act of 2017"

Monday, March 20, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Room 500 - John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 22-64, the "Extreme Weather Protection for Animals Act of 2017" amends Chapter 106 of Acts of the Legislative Assembly to define instances in which keeping animals outside in certain weather conditions constitutes cruelty to animals.

Proposed Resolution 22-72, the "Sense of the Council Regarding the Health Impacts of Heavy Backpacks Resolution of 2017" declares the sense of the Council to acknowledge the health risks that heavy backpacks pose to schoolchildren and recommends certain measures to be taken in that regard to avoid injury.

Bill 22-106, the "Defending Access to Women's Health Care Services Amendment Act of 2017" amends the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity Act of 2000 to require insurers to cover certain health care services without cost-sharing, and to require insurers to provide information regarding coverage to enrollees and potential enrollees.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Cherita Whiting, Committee Assistant at (202) 727-7774 or cwhiting@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 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 cwhiting@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.