

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

REVISED

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

AND

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

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL 23-0045, "BEDBUG CONTROL ACT OF 2019"

**BILL 23-0145, "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL
COMPACT ACT OF 2019"**

**BILL 23-0250, "PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPIST LICENSURE AMENDMENT ACT
OF 2019"**

**BILL 23-0546, "INTERSTATE PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT APPROVAL ACT OF
2019"**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019
10:00 A.M., ROOM 412, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Chairman Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announce a Joint Public Hearing on Bill 23-0045, the "Bedbug Control Act of 2019", Bill 23-0145, the "District of Columbia Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act of 2019", Bill 23-0250, the "Professional Art Therapist Licensure Amendment Act of 2019", and Bill 23-0546, the "Interstate Physical Therapy Compact Approval Act of 2019." The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 10 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice has been revised to reflect the addition of Bill 23-0546, the "Interstate Physical Therapy Compact Approval Act of 2019", to the hearing agenda.**

Bill 23-0045, the "Bedbug Control Act of 2019", creates regulations that govern the removal of bedbugs. It also requires landlords to notify adjoining tenants of infestations. Landlords and pest control operators are required to report infestations to DCRA and among other things are required to provide a 12-month history for a dwelling of prior infestations before the signing of a lease.

Bill 23-0145, the “District of Columbia Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act of 2019”, regulates the practice of tele-psychology and the face to face practice of psychology across state boundaries. Among other things, the bill provides legal recognition to psychologists properly licensed out of state. It also requires that all compact states share licensee information with compact states and create a coordinated database on participating compact psychologists.

Bill 23-0250, the “Professional Art Therapist Licensure Amendment Act of 2019”, defines the practice of professional art therapy, which includes assisting people to improve cognitive and sensory-motor functions, increase self-esteem, cope with grief and traumatic experience, resolve conflicts and distress, and enhance social functioning through art media. The bill establishes licensure requirements for art therapists and provides for the addition of a professional art therapist to the Board of Professional Counseling.

Bill 23-0546, the “Interstate Physical Therapy Compact Approval Act of 2019”, facilitates the interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter. The Compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

The Committee of the Whole and Committee on Health invite 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 Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee on Health of the need as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee on Health 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.