

**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 23-0529, THE “CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”

**BILL 23-0543, THE “SUICIDE PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020
10:00 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 Bill 23-0529, the “Certificate of Stillbirth Amendment Act of 2019” and Bill 23-0543, the “Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2019.” The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 23-0529, the “Certificate of Stillbirth Amendment Act of 2019”, requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a certificate of stillbirth to be made available at the request of the parents named on a fetal death report registered with DOH. It also prohibits the certificate from being used to calculate live birth statistics or to be used to create liability. It also limits the access of information available on the certificate.

Bill 23-0543, the “Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2019” requires continuing education for licensed health professionals on the subject of suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management to provide comprehensive care for at-risk patients. Training includes 2 credits of evidence-based training in suicide prevention, assessment and screening, treatment, management, and postvention.

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, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020. 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.

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 Wednesday, June 3, 2020. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received after this date may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.