

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**REVISED/ABBREVIATED**

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

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**BILL 23-0565, THE “HEARING AID SALES AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**BILL 23-0584, THE “PREGNANCY AS A QUALIFYING EVENT ACT OF 2019”**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020  
10:00 A.M., ROOM 412, 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 23-0565, the “Hearing Aid Sales Amendment Act of 2019” and Bill 23-0584, the “Pregnancy as a Qualifying Event Act of 2019.” The hearing will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice has been revised to reflect the removal of Bill 23-0547, the “Native American Birth Recognition Amendment Act of 2019”, from the hearing agenda. This notice is also abbreviated.**

Bill 23-0565, the “Hearing Aid Sales Amendment Act of 2019”, requires both minors and adults to receive a medical clearance from an otolaryngologist and receive a hearing test evaluation before an entity can fit, offer for sale, or sell a hearing aid to them. Adults may also receive clearance from a licensed physician.

Bill 23-0584, the “Pregnancy as a Qualifying Event Act of 2019”, requires health insurers to provide a special enrollment period after commencement of a pregnancy.

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](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 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](mailto: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 Monday, January 20, 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.