

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON**  
**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**BILL 23-0440, THE “REMOVING BARRIERS TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FOR  
RETURNING CITIZENS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Room 120, John A. Wilson Building**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public hearing to consider Bill 23-0440, the “Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2019”. The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-0440 is to amend Subchapter I-B of Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish a uniform standard for occupational licensing boards to consider only pending criminal accusations or prior convictions that are directly related to the occupation for which the license is sought, as determined by enumerated factors, to require notice to and an opportunity to respond with mitigating evidence for individuals who receive an adverse decision based on their criminal history, and to require the Mayor to submit reports to the Council with information about applications by individuals with criminal histories and adverse decisions made by boards based on criminal histories; and to amend the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Establishment Act of 2011 to require the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice to prepare and submit to the Mayor and Council a report identifying the statutory and regulatory collateral consequences of criminal histories in the District, along with recommendations for their mitigation or elimination.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, January 24**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.

Witnesses should bring **twenty copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us).

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received in fewer than five business days may not be fulfilled, and alternatives may be offered.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us). **The record will close at the end of the business day on Wednesday, February 12.**