

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
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**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 23-0534, THE LYME DISEASE TESTING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE ACT OF  
2019**

**BILL 23-0535, THE OPIOID LABELING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019**

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

**BILL 23-0690, THE SMA SCREENING ACT OF 2020**

**AND**

**BILL 23-0752, THE NURSE STAFFING AGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2020**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020, 9:00 A.M.**

**REMOTE HEARING VIA WEBEX**

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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, Bill 23-0534, the Lyme Disease Testing Information Disclosure Act of 2019, Bill 23-0535, the Opioid Labeling Amendment Act of 2019, Bill 23-0543, the Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2019, Bill 23-0690, the SMA Screening Act of 2020, and Bill 23-0752, the Nurse Staffing Agency Amendment Act of 2020. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Webex.

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 23-0534, the Lyme Disease Testing Information Disclosure Act of 2019, requires hospitals, health care facilities and testing centers to provide notice regarding the danger of receiving inaccurate results to early testing for Lyme disease.

Bill 23-0535, the Opioid Labeling Amendment Act of 2019, requires prescription opioid medications to include a statement that the drug is an opioid and that opioids may cause dependence, addiction, or overdose.

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.

Bill 23-0690, the SMA Screening Act of 2020, adds spinal muscular atrophy to the list of disorders for which neonatal testing must be made available.

Bill 23-0752, the Nurse Staffing Agency Amendment Act of 2020, amends the Nurse Staffing Agency Act of 2003 to clarify that nurse staffing agencies are only authorized to provide personnel to a health care facility or agency, not to an individual.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health by e-mail at [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or by phone at (202) 341-4425 by before 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020. When sending an e-mail or leaving a voicemail, please provide Mr. Cameron with the following information:

- Your first and last name;
- The name of the organization you are representing (if any);
- Your title with the organization;
- Your e-mail address;
- Your phone number; and
- The specific bill/s you will be testifying about.

Mr. Cameron will e-mail a confirmation of your attendance with an agenda, witness list, and attached instructions for accessing the Webex video conference hearing by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2020. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify. Due to technological limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the first six hours of the hearing will be broadcasted, however, the Webex hearing will continue until all witnesses who have signed up have had an opportunity to testify.

Persons wishing to provide written testimony should e-mail their written testimony to Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health at [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020. Any testimony provided after this time will not be made part of the hearing record. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. The Committee also welcomes e-mails commenting on the proposed legislation, however, this correspondence is not included in the official Committee report if it is not labeled as testimony.