

**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 24-0025, THE “MEDICAL NECESSITY RESTROOM ACCESS ACT OF 2021”

BILL 24-0026, THE “MATERNAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND ACCESS ACT OF 2021”

**BILL 24-0029, THE “MINOR CONSENT TO HEALTHCARE FOR HIV AND AIDS
CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

AND

**BILL 24-0065, THE “INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ESTABLISHMENT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021, 9:00 AM
REMOTE HEARING VIA WEBEX
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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 24-0025, the “Medical Necessity Restroom Access Act of 2021”, Bill 24-0026, the “Maternal Health Resources and Access Act of 2021”, Bill 24-0029, the “Minor Consent to Healthcare for HIV and AIDS Clarification Amendment Act of 2021”, and Bill 24-0065, the “Interagency Council on Behavioral Health Establishment Amendment Act of 2021.” The hearing will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m, via Webex.

Bill 24-0025, the “Medical Necessity Restroom Access Act of 2021” would provide an individual with an eligible medical condition (inflammatory bowel diseases or pregnancy) with the right to use a public or employee toilet facility at a retail establishment under certain limited conditions including if the individual presents an id prepared by the Department of Health and signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant.

Bill 24-0026, the “Maternal Health Resources and Access Act of 2021” would establish a pilot program for Medicaid reimbursement of doula services, which includes emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum. Among other things, it would also require the Department of Health to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a birthing center east of the river.

Bill 24-0029, the “Minor Consent to Healthcare for HIV and AIDS Clarification Amendment Act of 2021” would clarify that a minor of any age may consent to health services for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of HIV or AIDS. A health services provider may determine whether the minor is capable of providing informed consent.

Bill 24-0065, the “Interagency Council on Behavioral Health Establishment Amendment Act of 2021” would establish an Interagency Council on Behavioral Health to establish interagency, cabinet-level leadership to develop a behavioral health system of care, that includes prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services related to mental health disorders, addictions, and other substance abuse. The City Administrator or their designee shall serve as chairperson.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health by e-mail at mcameron@dccouncil.us or by phone at (202) 341-4425 before 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021. 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 at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 2021. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify.

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council 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.

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 before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail.