


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: September 28, 2023

RE: **Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for October 3, 2023 Legislative Meeting**

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Please place the following measures on the agenda for the February 7, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- **Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**
- **Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Temporary Amendment Act of 2023**

This legislation would amend the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 to provide that the payment or award of compensation under the workers' compensation law of any other state would not bar a claim for compensation under the District's workers' compensation law for the same injury or death; provided, that any award under the District's workers' compensation law is reduced by the amount of compensation received or awarded under the workers' compensation law of the other state.

The Council first addressed this issue through the Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 (A24-453) which enacted protections for workers on an emergency basis. The accompanying temporary legislation maintained the provided remedy through May 2023; however, the Council was not able to consider permanent legislation prior to the expiration of the temporary act.

This current round of emergency and temporary legislation keeps in place the remedy the Council provided in 2022, restoring the status quo to give the Council sufficient time to consider permanent legislation (B25-474) on the issue.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Christian A. Washington at (202) 724-8083 if you have any questions.

cc: All Councilmembers  
Council Officers