

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
&
COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 22-177, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017

and

**Bill 22-275, Making Rodent Syndicates Flee Restaurants, Interior Settings, Basements and Yards
Amendment Act of 2017**

on

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017
9:30 a.m., Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Vincent C. Gray announce a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Health on **Bill 22-177**, the “Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017,” and **Bill 22-275**, the “Making Rodent Syndicates Flee Restaurants, Interior Settings, Basements and Yards Amendment Act of 2017.” The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the Council Chambers (Room 500) of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of **Bill 22-177** is to authorize the Mayor to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; to provide for the eligibility of physicians to receive an expedited medical license; to determine the application procedures to receive an expedited license; to impose fees for the issuance of an expedited license; to provide for the renewal of an expedited license; to require the establishment of a database of physicians who have applied for an expedited license; to provide for the conduct of joint investigations; to provide for disciplinary actions against physicians granted an expedited license; to establish the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission; to authorize the Mayor to appoint commissioners to the Commission; to define the powers and duties of the Commission; to provide for the operations of the Commission to enforce rules and provisions of the Compact; to provide for the resolution of disputes among Commission members; and to outline the criteria and procedures for withdrawal from the compact. The stated purpose of **Bill 22-275** is to amend the Rodent Control Act of 2000 to modify the definitions of certain terms; to require businesses with a Public Health: Food Establishment Retail endorsement to create a plan to mitigate infestations of rats; to amend Chapter 25 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to require newly built or converted food establishments to design space to mitigate infestations of rats; and to give the Department of Health additional authority and ongoing funding to remedy health code violations related to rat harborage when a property owner will not.

Those who wish to testify must email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Randi Powell, Legislative Policy Advisor, at 202-724-8196, and provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Monday, December 4, 2017. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the roundtable. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2017.