

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Health
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Joint Public Hearing**

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**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID A. CATANIA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

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**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY**

Announce a Joint Public Hearing

On

**B18-622: Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative Amendment Act of
2010**

On

**Thursday, February 11, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chamber
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember David A. Catania, Chair of the Committee on Health, and Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announce a Joint Public Hearing on B18-622, the "Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative Amendment Act of 2010". The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 500 of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The purpose of the bill is to amend the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1998 to define key terms; to limit the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes to qualifying patients; to require written recommendation from one's primary physician as a condition for the medicinal use of marijuana; to clarify who may lawfully manufacture, possess, distribute, or use marijuana; to clarify how a primary caregiver may be designated; to limit the distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes to registered dispensaries; to require the parent or guardian of a minor that is using marijuana for medicinal purposes to control the minor's use;

and to require the Mayor to issue rules to regulate the manufacture, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel of witnesses. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Jennifer Barry of the Committee on Health via email at jbarry@dccouncil.us or phone at (202) 724-8170 and shall provide their names, contact information, and organizational affiliation, if any, by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Witnesses shall bring 15 copies of their statement to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m. on February 18, 2010.