## Council of the District of Columbia Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary Notice of Public Hearing

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**REVISED/ABBREVIATED** 

## COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 18-403, D.C. Official Code Title 49 Enactment Act of 2009

on

Friday, October 8, 2010 12:00 p.m., Hearing Room 120, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 18-403, D.C. Official Code Title 49 Enactment Act of 2009. The public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. on October 8, 2010 in Hearing Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building. This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a hearing room change and abbreviated to give notice to the public.

The stated purpose of Bill 18-403 is to enact and amend Title 49 of the District of Columbia Code. The laws relating to the District's military have gone unadjusted for more than a century, the provisions of the D.C. Official Code governing National Guard -- presently housed in Title 49 -- are in desperate need of modernization. The majority of that title was enacted in the 19th century, and has not been updated since 1909. As would be expected, many provisions in the law have become functionally obsolete. Bill 18-403 is a massive reworking of the current military title in the Code, and the changes made in the legislation ensure the National Guard is not hampered in fulfilling its important mission.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Brian Moore, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 724-7808, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:bmoore@dccouncil.us">bmoore@dccouncil.us</a> or Deborah Kelly at <a href="mailto:dkelly@dccouncil.us">dkelly@dccouncil.us</a> and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Wednesday October 6, 2010. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. 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 hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Tseu, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2010.