

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. McDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING ON

B25-0050, THE “FUNERAL DIRECTORS LICENSING REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”

B25-0190, THE “DISTRICT CHILD TAX CREDIT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”

B25-0240, THE “UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT EXTENSION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”

B25-0277, THE “LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SERVICES SALES TAX CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”

B25-0471, THE “DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP JOINT FILING CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2023”

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Room 500, John A. Wilson Building and via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast

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On Wednesday, January 24, 2024, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing to consider the following measures:

- Bill 25-0050, the “Funeral Directors Licensing Reform Amendment Act of 2023”
- Bill 25-0190, the “District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023”
- Bill 25-0240, the “United Negro College Fund Real Property Tax Abatement Extension Amendment Act of 2023”
- Bill 25-0277, the “Landscape Architect Services Sales Tax Clarification Amendment Act of 2023”
- Bill 25-0471, the “Domestic Partnership Joint Filing Clarification Act of 2023”

Bill 25-0050, the “Funeral Directors Licensing Reform Amendment Act of 2023” would create an embalmer’s license and amend the requirements for a funeral director’s license. It would also establish requirements for a funeral directing or embalming internship.

Bill 25-0190, the “District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023” would establish a District Child Tax Credit. Qualifying individual and joint filers will receive \$500 for each child (up to three children) via a child tax credit, subject to a gradual income threshold phaseout.

Bill 25-0240, the “United Negro College Fund Real Property Tax Abatement Extension Amendment Act of 2023” would provide an abatement of real property taxes, up to \$500,000 (which escalates by 3% annually), on real property owned by the United Negro College Fund in Square 441.

Bill 25-0277, the “Landscape Architect Services Sales Tax Clarification Amendment Act of 2023” would clarify that landscape architecture services performed by a landscape architect, licensed in the District or provided by a design firm that employs a landscape architect licensed in the District, shall be exempt from the requirement to charge sales tax on the sale of or charges for the service of real property maintenance and landscaping.

Bill 25-0471, the “Domestic Partnership Joint Filing Clarification Act of 2023” would allow parties to a domestic partnership to file their income taxes on separate returns. Current law only permits domestic partners filing separately to do so on a combined form.

The Committee invites the public to testify, in-person or virtually, and to submit written testimony. Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System (HMS) at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024**. All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced or extended.

Public witnesses who wish to participate virtually via the Zoom Video Conference platform will receive instructions on how to participate prior to the hearing. Written testimony should be submitted through the HMS at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review and be made a part of the official record. The record will close at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024**.

Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee by email of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered.

Please contact BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.gov for additional information.