

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Columbia  
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To amend, on a temporary basis, Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify interim provisions governing the term of commitment for persons with mental illness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Mental Health Commitment Clarification Temporary Act of 2002”.

Sec. 2. Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents is amended by striking the phrase "21-590. Discharge as cured; restoration to legal status." and inserting the phrase "21-590. Interim provisions for term of commitment." in its place.

(b) Section 21-590 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 21-590. Interim provisions for term of commitment.

“Any person committed for an indeterminate period of time pursuant to section 21-545 shall have his commitment terminate no more than 18 months from January 30, 2002 unless the chief clinical officer of the Department, facility, hospital, or mental health provider has petitioned for recommitment under section 21-545.01. The petition for recommitment of those persons who were committed for an indeterminate period of time pursuant to section 21-545 may be filed at any time during the 18-month period, but no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the period.”.

Note,  
§ 21-590

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by

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the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia