

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To delay settlement agreements and the issuance of settlement payments in connection with settlement agreements for a disapproved contract that is the subject of an active investigation of the Council, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, the Office of the Inspector General, or the United States Attorneys' Office until 90 days following the completion of the investigation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Settlement Payment Integrity Amendment Act of 2010".

Sec. 2. Section 1 of An Act Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to settle claims and suits against the District of Columbia, approved February 11, 1929 (45 Stat. 1160; D.C. Official Code § 2-402), is amended as follows:

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(a) The lead-in language is designated as subsection (a).

(b) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b)(1)(A) The District shall not enter into or execute any settlement agreement related to a contract disapproved by the Council pursuant to section 451 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51), while the details of the disapproved contract are the subject of an active investigation by the Council, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, the Office of the Inspector General, or the United States Attorneys' Office and, unless otherwise authorized under paragraph (2) of this subsection, until 90 days following the completion of the investigation.

“(B) The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the District of Columbia Housing Authority, or any other District agency or authority shall not:

“(i) Approve payment or disburse payment related to a contract disapproved by the Council pursuant to section 451 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51), while the details of the disapproved contract are the subject of an active investigation by the Council, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, the Office of the Inspector General, or the United States Attorneys' Office and, unless otherwise authorized under paragraph (2) of this subsection, until

90 days following the completion of the investigation; or

“(ii) Approve payment or disburse payment related to a settlement agreement executed in violation of subparagraph (A) of this subsection.

“(2) The Council, by act approved by 2/3rds of its members, may authorize payment otherwise prohibited by paragraph (1) of this subsection within the 90 days following the completion of an investigation.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of June 30, 2010.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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. 5. Effective date.

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

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia