

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


NOTICE

D.C. LAW 7-156

"Commission on Domestic Partnership Benefits
for District of Columbia Government Employees
Establishment Act of 1988".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 7-465 on first and second readings, June 14, 1988, and June 28, 1988, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 15, 1988, this legislation was assigned Act No. 7-211, published in the July 29, 1988, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 35 page 5720) and transmitted to Congress on July 25, 1988 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 7-156, effective September 29, 1988.


DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

July 25,26,27,28,29

August 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11

September 7,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28

EFFECTIVE DATE SEP 29 1988

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 7 - 211

Codification,
New Chapter 36 of Title
of the District of Colum
Code (1989 Supplement)

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

EFFECTIVE DATE JUL 15 1988

To establish a Commission on Domestic Partnership Benefits
for District of Columbia Government Employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "Commission on Domestic
Partnership Benefits for District of Columbia Government
Employees Establishment Act of 1988".

Sec. 2. Establishment of the Commission.

New, Section 2-360

There is established a Commission on Domestic
Partnership Benefits for District of Columbia Government
Employees ("Commission").

Sec. 3. Membership of the Commission.

New, Section
2-3602

(a) The Commission shall consist of 25 members, each
of whom shall be a resident of the District.

(1) Fifteen members shall be appointed by the
Mayor, 1 of whom shall be appointed as Chairperson, as
follows:

- (A) Three representatives of unions or labor organizations;
- (B) Three representatives of senior citizens' organizations;
- (C) Three representatives of women's rights organizations;
- (D) Three representatives of religious organizations; and
- (E) Three representatives of lesbian or gay rights organizations.

(2) Five members shall be appointed by the
Committee on Government Operations, with each member of the
Committee on Government Operations appointing 1 member.

(3) Five nonvoting members shall be
representatives of the District of Columbia government,
including:

- (A) The Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, or a designee;
- (B) The Director of the Office of Personnel, or a designee;
- (C) The Director of the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining, or a designee;
- (D) The Director of the Office of Human Rights, or a designee; and
- (E) The Executive Director of the Commission for Women, or a designee.

(b) To the extent practicable, appointments under this section shall be made with a view toward maintaining a balance reflecting the gender, geographical, and racial composition of the District government workforce.

(c) Members of the Commission shall be appointed within 45 calendar days of the effective date of this act. The Chairperson shall convene an organizational meeting no later than 15 calendar days after all the appointments have been made.

(d) A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner that the original appointment was made.

New, Section
2-3603

Sec. 4. Rules of procedure.

(a) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(b) A written transcript or a transcription shall be kept for all meetings at which a vote is taken.

(c) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of its members, but at least once every month.

(d) The Commission may, pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Code, sec. 1-1501 et seq.), develop rules of organization and procedure.

(e) Members of the Commission shall not be considered employees of the District by reason of appointment to the Commission and shall not receive pay by reason of service as members.

(f) The Commission shall cease to exist 60 days after its final report has been submitted to the Mayor.

New, Section
2-3604

Sec. 5. Duties.

(a) Within a 12 month period following the appointment of all its members, the Commission shall conduct a study of domestic partnership benefits for District of Columbia government employees and submit a final report of its findings to the Mayor.

(b) The report shall:

(1) Define the terms "domestic partner", "domestic partnership", "domestic partnership benefits", and

"employee", as well as provide any other relevant definitions;

(2) Identify and study domestic partnership legislation that has been proposed or enacted in other jurisdictions;

(3) Identify and study domestic partnership benefits that have been proposed or agreed to in union contracts or compensation agreements in other jurisdictions;

(4) Inform the Mayor on the advisability of enacting domestic partnership benefits legislation for the District;

(5) Advise the Mayor on the impact of domestic partnership benefits legislation on existing laws, including the Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Code, sec. 1-2501 et seq.);

(6) Estimate the fiscal impact of domestic partnership benefits legislation on the District and provide a breakdown of that estimate; and

(7) Advise the Mayor on any other aspect of domestic partnership benefits the Commission deems appropriate.

(c) Each agency of the District government shall cooperate with the Commission in the conduct of the study and report required by subsection (a) of this section. Each agency shall provide any data, reports, or other information, in a timely manner, that the Commission may request in the course of the study. All information shall be kept confidential until the final report is issued.

(d) The Mayor shall provide administrative support, space, and other resources needed by the Commission.

(e) Sums necessary to carry out the purposes of this act shall be provided out of existing revenues available to the District.

Sec. 6. Mayoral review and transmittal to Council.

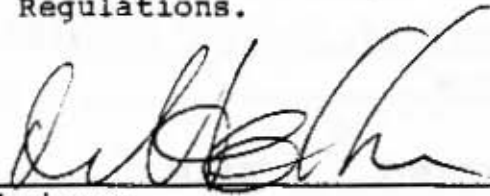
Upon issuance of the final report required by section 5(a), the Mayor shall review the report and, within a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of its issuance, shall transmit to the Council a copy of the final report along with the Mayor's comments, conclusions, recommendations, modifications, and proposals.

Sec. 7. Effective date.

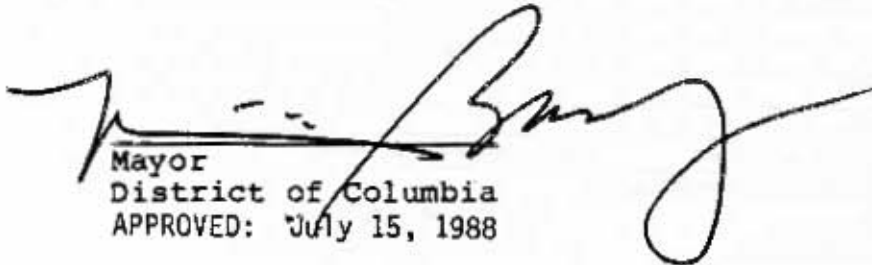
This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in either

New, Section
2-3605

the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.



Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia



Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED: July 15, 1988



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Council Period Seven

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: B7-465

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 6-14-88

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request


Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE: - RESULT _____

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
KANE					SCHWARTZ									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X -- Indicates Vote A.B. -- Absent N.V. -- Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD


Secretary to the Council

6-29-88
Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 6-28-88

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

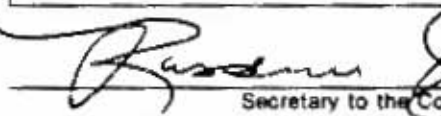
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Recorded vote on request

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