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#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### NOTICE

#### D.C. LAW 9-180

"Medical Cause of Death Privacy and Expected Death at Home Vital Records and Kenilworth-Parkside Equitable Water and Sewer Service Relief Amendment Act of 1992".

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. 9-275 on first and second readings, July 7, 1992, and October 6, 1992, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on October 23, 1992, this legislation was assigned Act No. 9-299, published in the November 6, 1992, edition of the <u>D.C. Register</u>, (Vol. 39 page 8078) and transmitted to Congress on January 5, 1993 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 9-180, effective March 13, 1993.

JOHN A. WILSON Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day/Congressional Review Period:

January 5,6,20,21,22,25,26,27

February 2,3,4,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26

March 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12

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D.C. ACT 9-299

1993 Supplement)

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OCT. 23, 1992

To amend the Vital Records Act of 1981 to provide that the certificate of death shall contain a pronouncement of death section separate from the medical certification of cause of death section, with the medical certification of cause of death section restricted from distribution unless specifically requested by family members, legal representatives, insurers, and other representatives as authorized, to authorize a funeral director to remove a decedent's remains following a medically expected death on the authority of a pronouncement of death signed by an attending registered nurse or the treating physician, and to provide equitable water and sewer service charges relief for water and sewer service charges assessed against the Kenilworth-Parkside Resident Management Corporation for the period of March 14, 1991, through June 11, 1992.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Medical Cause of Death Privacy and Expected Death at Home Vital Records and Kenilworth-Parkside Equitable Water and Sewer Service Relief Amendment Act of 1992".

Sec. 2. The Vital Records Act of 1981, effective October 8, 1981 (D.C. Law 4-34; D.C. Code § 6-201 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Code § 6-201) is amended by adding a new paragraph (4A) to read as follows:

Section 6-201

"(4A) "Expected death" means a death from a previously diagnosed illness with a prognosis of death in less than 6 months.".

(b) Section 12 (D.C. Code § 6-211) is amended by adding new subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

Section 6-211

- "(i) Each death certificate shall contain a pronouncement of death section and a medical certification of cause of death section. For the purposes of this subsection, the pronouncement of death section shall include all facts required to be reported in this section, except for those facts relating to the medical cause or causes of death reported pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of this section.
- "(j) In the case of an expected death at a decedent's place of residence at the time of death, attended by a treating physician or a registered nurse working in general collaboration with the treating physician, the attending registered nurse may sign the pronouncement of death section of the death certificate promptly following death.".

- (c) Section 15(c) (D.C. Code § 6-214(c)) is amended to read as Section 6-214
- "(c) A dead body shall be removed from the place of death for the purpose of being prepared for final disposition only under the following conditions:
- "(1) Upon the consent of the medical examiner or the treating physician who certifies the cause of death; or
- "(2) In the case of an expected death at a decedent's place of residence at the time of death, upon the consent of a treating physician or a registered nurse working in general collaboration with the treating physician who signs the pronouncement of death section of the death certificate in accordance with section 12.".

(d) Section 21(a) (D.C. Code § 6-220(a)) is amended by adding a Section new paragraph (4) to read as follows: 6-220

- "(4) A certified copy provided under this subsection shall be restricted to the information contained in the pronouncement of death section and shall not include the facts of the medical cause or causes of death reported under section 12(e) and (f) unless a qualified applicant having a direct and tangible interest in the death certificate makes a specific request for a certified copy of the medical certification of cause of death section, in which case the Registrar shall provide a separate certified copy of the medical certification of the cause of death section.".
- (e) Section 21 (D.C. Code § 6-220) is amended by adding a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

Section 6-220

- "(g) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the Registrar from providing:
- "(1) Information or data from the pronouncement of death and the medical certification of cause of death sections of the death certificate in accordance with sections 20(b), 21(c), 21(d), and 21(e); or
- "(2) A certified copy of the complete death certificate, including the pronouncement of death and the medical certification of cause of death sections, to an insurer, who has a direct and tangible interest in the death certificate, and who has issued a policy to or on behalf of the deceased which provides financial or monetary benefits payable upon the death of the deceased.".
- Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia orders that interest, penalties, fees and other related charges assessed against the Kenilworth-Parkside Resident Management Corporation, for real property found at the following locations: 4400-4402 Quarles Street, N.E., Lot 11 in Square 5113; 4403 Quarles Street, N.E., Lot 8 in Square 5114; 4404-4406 Quarles Street, N.E., Lot 9 in Square 5114; 4417-4431 Quarles Street, N.E., Lot 1 in Square 5114; 1553 Anacostia Avenue, N.E., Lot 7 in Square 5114; 1620 Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., Lot 801 in Square 5113; and 1624-1628 Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., Lot 808 in Square 5113, be forgiven for the period of March 14, 1991, through June 11, 1992.
- Sec. 4. 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 of the District of Columbia 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 § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District

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Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

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APPROVED: October 23, 1992



#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Council Period Nine

# RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE Bill 9-275

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