

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 20-890, the “Firefighter Retirement While Under Disciplinary Investigation  
Act of 2014”**

**and**

**Bill 20-710, the “Limitations of Guardianship Amendment Act of 2014”**

**Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014**

**1 pm**

**John A. Wilson Building, Room 412**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, announces a public hearing on October 15, 2014, beginning at 1 pm in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, for the purpose of receiving testimony on Bills 20-890 and 20-710.

Bill 20-890 would change the retirement procedure for a member of Fire and Emergency Medical Services who retires from the Department when facing disciplinary charges, such that a member who retires or resigns while under disciplinary investigation will be deemed to be in conditional retirement pending completion of the disciplinary investigation. The bill may be viewed online at <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B20-0890>.

Bill 20-710 would amend Title 21 of the DC Official Code to protect the well-being of incapacitated individuals from unreasonable confinement or involuntary seclusion by a temporary, limited, and general guardian; to require all individuals seeking to be appointed as a guardian or conservator to submit and pay for a local and national criminal history record check and to file a statement with the court indicating whether the nominee has been convicted of, pled nolo contendere to, or received a deferred sentence for a felony or misdemeanor; to require the courts to limit the duration of any limited guardianship order to no more than three years and general guardianship order to no more than five years and have the party seeking guardianship to initiate a new petition based on clear and convincing evidence on the need for a guardianship order. The bill may be viewed online at <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B20-0710>.

The Committee invites the public to testify. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify should contact Nicole Goines at 724-7808 or [ngoines@dccouncil.us](mailto:ngoines@dccouncil.us), and furnish their name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation, if any, by 5 pm on Monday, October 13, 2014. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their testimony. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes. For those unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by 5 pm on Friday, October 24, 2014 to Ms. Goines, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, Room 109, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20004, or via email at [ngoines@dccouncil.us](mailto:ngoines@dccouncil.us).