## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, PL 93-198, (The Act), the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 1-58 on first and second readings April 29, 1975, and May 13, 1975, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on June 19, 1975, this legislation was assigned Act No. 1-23, published in the July 28, 1975, edition of the D. C. Register, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress 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 the following legislation as D. C. Law No. 1-17, effective September 23, 1975.

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Chairman of the Council

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## D.C. Law No. <u>1-17</u>

## September 23, 1975

In the Council of the District of Columbia

To define certain terms for all acts and resolutions of the Council of the District of Columbia, to provide for an enacting clause for those acts and resolutions, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia,
That this act may be cited as the "General Legislative
Procedures Act of 1975".

- Sec. 2. For the purposes of any act or resolution of the Council of the District of Columbia, unless specifically provided otherwise -
- (1) words importing the singular include and apply to several persons, parties, or things;
- (2) words importing the plural include the singular;
- (3) words importing one gender include and apply to the other gender as well;
- (4) words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present;
- (5) the words "person" and "whoever" include corporations, companies, associations, firms, partnerships,

societies, and joint stock companies, as well as individuals;

- (6) "officer" includes any person authorized by law to perform the duties of the office;
- (7) "signature" or "subscription" includes a mark when the person making it intended that mark as such;
- (8) "oath" includes affirmation, and "sworn" includes affirmed; and
- (9) "writing" includes printing and typewriting and reproductions of visual symbols by photographing, multigraphing, mimeographing, manifolding, or otherwise.
- Sec. 3. (a) Each act of the Council of the District of Columbia shall have an enacting clause only in the first section of each act and such enacting clause shall be in the following form: "Be it enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia,".
- (b) Each resolution of the Council of the District of Columbia shall have a resolving clause in the following form: "Resolved, by the Council of the District of Columbia,".
- (c) Each section of each act or resolution shall be numbered consecutively.

- Sec. 4. For the purposes of any act or resolution of the Council of the District of Columbia, unless specifically provided otherwise -
- (a) The term "Council" means the Council of the District of Columbia established under section 401 of District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.
- (b) The term "Mayor" means the Mayor of the District of Columbia established under section 421 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.
  - (c) The term "Act" means an Act of the Congress.
  - (d) The term "act" means an act of the Council.

Sec. 5. This act shall be effective immediately at the end of the thirty day period (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and days on which either House of Congress is not in session) beginning on the date this act is submitted to the Congress, as provided in section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.