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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to require that all government attorneys, employed at the level of DS-13 or above, who are required to be a member of the District of Columbia Bar as a prerequisite of employment, file a Certificate of Good Standing from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on an annual basis.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Government Attorney Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2002".

Sec. 2. Title VIII-B of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-608.51 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) The title heading is amended to read as follows:

"Title VIII-B. GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS."

(b) The existing text is designated as subtitle A.

(c) A new subtitle B is added to read as follows:

"Subtitle B - Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement.

"Sec. 881. Certificate of Good Standing filing requirement.

"(a) Except as provided by the rules for temporary waiver of this requirement, each attorney employed at the level of DS-13 or above, who is required to be a member of the D.C. Bar as a prerequisite of employment, by the Mayor, the Office of the Corporation Counsel, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Board of Education, and by any independent agency, shall file with the District of Columbia Office of Personnel, a Certificate of Good Standing from the District of Columbia Bar Committee on Admissions, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, on an annual basis.

"(b) The Director of Personnel shall publish, on an annual basis, a list of attorneys who have not met the filing requirements of subsection (a) of this section in the District of Columbia Register.

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"(c) The Director of Personnel shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning:

"(1) The timing for filing the Certificate of Good Standing and associated procedures;

"(2) The standards governing when a temporary waiver of the filing requirement may be granted by the personnel authority for the agency; and

"(3) The procedures by which attorneys shall be notified of the filing requirement and whether they are in compliance with the requirement.

"(c) The rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the rules and regulations within the 45-day review period, the rules and regulations shall be deemed approved.

"(d) The failure of an attorney covered by this title to comply with the requirement of this subtitle shall result in the forfeiture of employment."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council finds that this legislation will have no fiscal impact since the costs of the Certificates of Good Standing will be borne by individual attorneys and the costs of compiling the certificates and filing a list in the District of Columbia Register will be minimal.

Sec. 4. 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.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia