

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000 to permit the Mayor to waive the requirement that the Chief Medical Examiner be certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be eligible for such certification for any individual appointed as Chief Medical Examiner for the unexpired term ending on April 30, 2007, and to authorize the Mayor to appoint a replacement Chief Medical Examiner to fill the unexpired term of a prior Chief Medical Examiner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Amendment Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. Section 2903 of the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172; D.C. Official Code § 5-1402), is amended as follows:

Note,  
§ 5-1402

(a) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) The CME, the Deputy CME, and any medical examiners appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be physicians licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia. The CME, the Deputy CME, and any medical examiners appointed after October 19, 2000, shall be certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be eligible for such certification, except that the Mayor may waive the certification requirement for any individual appointed as CME to fill the unexpired term ending on April 30, 2007.”.

(b) A new subsection (f) is added to read as follows:

“(f) If a vacancy in the position of Chief Medical Examiner occurs as a consequence of resignation, disability, death, or a reason other than the expiration of the term of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Mayor shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term in the same manner provided in section 2(a) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(a)). A person appointed to fill the unexpired term shall serve only for the remainder of the term.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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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