

A BILL

22-972

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend the Mental Health Service Delivery Reform Act of 2001 to prohibit a provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a consumer for whom a conservator or guardian has been appointed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Conversion Therapy for Consumers under a Conservatorship or Guardianship Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Section 214a of the Mental Health Service Delivery Reform Act of 2001, effective December 18, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-56; D.C. Official Code § 7-1231.14a), is amended as follows:

(a) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “minors” and inserting the phrase “minors and consumers under a conservatorship or guardianship” in its place.

(b) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “minor” and inserting the phrase “minor, or a consumer, regardless of age, for whom a conservator or guardian has been appointed” in its place.

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

“(c) For the purposes of this section, the term:

**ENGROSSED ORIGINAL**

28                   “(1) “Conservator” shall have the same meaning as provided in D.C. Official  
29 Code § 21-2401.02(2).

30                   “(2) “Guardian” shall have the same meaning as provided in D.C. Official Code §  
31 21-2401.02(3).”.

32                   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

33                   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
34 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
35 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

36                   Sec. 4. Effective date.

37                   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
38 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
39 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
40 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
41 Columbia Register.