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A BILL  
22-964

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Act on Aging of 1975, to designate the District of Columbia Office on Aging as the Department of Aging and Community Living; to codify the mission statement of the Department; and to supplement the mission of the agency to include the prevention of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Department of Aging and Community Living Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Act on Aging, effective October 29, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-24; D.C. Official Code § 7-501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 201 (D.C. Official Code § 7-502.01) is amended to read as follows:

- “(1) “Aged” means a person 60 years of age or older.
- “(2) “Commission” means the Commission on the Aging created by section 401.
- “(3) “Department” means the Department of Aging and Community Living created by section 301.
- “(4) “Director” means the Director of the Department of Aging and Community

28 Living.”.

29                   “(5) “Services to the aged” means those services designed to provide assistance to  
30 the aged, including nutritional programs, transportation and legal services, health and financial  
31 assistance, employment and housing programs, recreational opportunities, and information,  
32 referral, and counseling services.”.

33                   (b) The title heading of Title III is amended to read as follows:

34                   “Title III. Department of Aging and Community Living.”.

35                   (c) Section 301 (D.C. Official Code § 7-503.01) is amended to read as follows:

36                   “The Office on Aging is designated as the Department of Aging and Community Living.  
37 The Department shall provide within the District government a single administrative unit,  
38 responsible to the Mayor, to administer the provisions of the Older Americans Act (P.L. 89-73,  
39 as amended), and such other programs as shall be delegated to it by the Mayor or the Council of  
40 the District of Columbia, and to promote the welfare of the aged. The mission of the District of  
41 Columbia Department of Aging and Community Living is the following:

42                   “(1) To advocate, plan, implement, and monitor programs in health, education,  
43 and social services for the elderly;

44                   “(2) To promote longevity, independence, dignity, and choice for aged District  
45 residents, District residents with disabilities regardless of age, and caregivers;

46                   “(3) To ensure the rights of older adults and their families, and prevent their  
47 abuse, neglect, and exploitation;

48                   “(4) To uphold the core values of service excellence, respect, compassion,  
49 integrity, and accountability; and

50                   “(5) To lead efforts to strengthen service delivery and capacity by engaging  
51 community stakeholders and partners to leverage resources.”.

52                   (d) Section 302 (D.C. Official Code § 7-503.02) is amended to read as follows:

53                   “(a) The Department shall be headed by a Director (“Director”), who shall be appointed  
54 by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, from a list of not more than 3 names  
55 submitted to the Mayor by the Commission.

56                   “(b) The Director shall be devoted full time to the duties of the office.

57                   “(c) The Director shall be in the Executive Service.

58                   “(d) The Director shall have such staff as is approved in the current District government  
59 budget and federal grants, plus any temporary staff .”.

60                   (e) Section 303 (D.C. Official Code § 7-503.03) is amended as follows: .

61                   (1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word “Office” and inserting the word  
62 “Department” in its place.

63                   (2) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the word “Office” and inserting the word  
64 “Department” in its place.

65                   (3) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the word “Office” and inserting the word  
66 “Department” in its place.

67                   (f) Section 305 (D.C. Official Code § 7-503.05) is amended by striking the word “Office”

68 and inserting the word “Department” in its place.

69 (g) Section 306 (D.C. Official Code § 7-503.06) is amended by striking the word  
70 “Office” and inserting the word “Department” in its place.

71 (h) Section 401 (D.C. Official Code § 7-504.01) is amended by striking the phrase  
72 “Director of the Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Director of the Department of Aging  
73 and Community Living” in its place.

74 (i) Section 409 (D.C. Official Code § 7-504.09) is amended by striking the phrase  
75 “Director of the Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Director of the Department of Aging  
76 and Community Living” in its place.

77 (j) Section 410 (D.C. Official Code § 7-504.10) is amended by striking the phrase “Office  
78 on Aging” wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community  
79 Living” in its place.

80 Sec. 3. Conforming amendments.

81 (a) Section 301(17)(U) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit  
82 Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
83 603.01(17)(U)), is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase  
84 “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

85 (b) The Language Access Act of 2004, effective (D.C. Law 15-167; D.C. Official Code §  
86 2-1931 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

87 (1) Section 2(3)(B)(xvi) (D.C. Official Code § 2-1931(3)(B)(xvi)) is amended by

88 striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and  
89 Community Living” in its place.

90 (2) Section 7(c)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 2-1936(c)(2) is amended by striking the  
91 phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community  
92 Living” in its place.

93 (c) Section 3b(c)(6) of An Act To classify the officers and members of the fire  
94 department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (D.C. Official Code § 5-  
95 404.02(c)(6)), is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase  
96 “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

97 (d) Section 5(b)(5) of the Department of Public Health Establishment Act of 1992,  
98 effective March 13, 1992 (D.C. Law 9-182; D.C. Official Code § 7-154(b)(5)), is amended by  
99 striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and  
100 Community Living” in its place.

101 (e) The Office on Aging Reporting Requirements Act of 2015, effective October 22,  
102 2015 (D.C. Law 21-36; D.C. Official Code § 7-561), is amended by:

103 (1) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and  
104 inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

105 (2) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and  
106 inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

107 (f) The District of Columbia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Act of 1988,

108 effective March 16, 1989 (D.C. Law 7-218; § 7-701.01 *et seq.*) is amended by:

109 (1) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 7-701.01) is amended by:

110 (A) Paragraph (6) is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging”

111 and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

112 (B) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the phrase “Office on Aging”

113 both times it appears and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community Living” in

114 its place.

115 (2) Section 202(a)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 7-702.02(a)(1)) is amended by

116 striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and

117 Community Living” in its place.

118 (g) Section 8(9) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007,

119 effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.07(9)), is amended

120 by striking the phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and

121 Community Living” in its place.

122 (h) Section 4 of the Security Alarm Systems Regulations Act of 1980, effective

123 September 26, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-107; D.C. Official Code § 7-2803) is amended by striking the

124 phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community

125 Living” in its place.

126 (i) Section 2(c) of the Nurses Training Corps Establishment Act of 1987, effective

127 October 9, 1987 (D.C. Law 7-32; D.C. Official Code § 38-1501(c)) is amended by striking the

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128 phrase “Office on Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community  
129 Living” in its place.

130 (j) Section 302(d)(3) of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C.  
131 Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3503.02(d)(3)) is amended by striking the phrase “Office on  
132 Aging” and inserting the phrase “Department of Aging and Community Living” in its place.

133 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

137 Sec. 5. Effective date.

138 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
139 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
140 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
141 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
142 Columbia Register.