COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 6-174

"D.C. Mental Health Information Act of 1978 Temporary Amendment Act of 1986".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 6-539 on first and second readings, October 7, 1986 and October 21, 1986, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on October 30, 1986, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-223, published in the November 21, 1986, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 33 page 7228) and transmitted to Congress on January 7, 1987 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 this enactment as D.C. Law 6-174, effective February 24, 1987.

Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period: January 7,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30 February 2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,17,18,19,20,23

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D.C. ACT 6 - 223

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Mental Health Information Act of 1978 to allow the disclosure of mental health, diagnostic, and administrative information to Saint Elizabeths Hospital and to allow the disclosure of administrative information to service organizations that enter into agreements with the District to protect the use of information which may be disclosed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Mental Health Information Act of 1978 Temporary Amendment Act of 1986".

- Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Mental Health
 Information Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law
 2-136; D.C. Code, sec. 6-2001 et seq.), is amended:
- (a) By adding a new paragraph 101 (n-1) (D.C. Code, B.C. Code, sec. 6-2001 (14a)) to read as follows:

 D.C. Code, sec. 6-2001 (1987 supp.)

"(n-1) 'Service organization' means a person or organization that provides services such as data processing, laboratory analyses, legal, medical, accounting, or other professional services, to the District's mental health

system.".

(b) By adding new sections 307 and 308 to read as follows:

"Sec. 307. Disclosures to Saint Elizabeths Hospital. New, D.C. Code,

sec. 6-2027

"Mental health, diagnostic, and administrative (1987 supp.) information may be disclosed by a mental health professional or mental health facility to Saint Elizabeths Hospital where and to the extent necessary to facilitate the delivery of services to a client and the implementation of the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Services Act, approved November 8, 1984 (98 Stat. 3369; D.C. Code, sec. 32-621 et seq.).".

"Sec. 308. Disclosures by Mayor. New, D.C. Code,

- "(a) Administrative information may be disclosed by (1987 supp.) the Mayor to a service organization that has entered into a written agreement with the District pursuant to which the service organization:
- "(1) Acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with any information from a program about clients in a program, it is fully bound by the provisions of this act;
- "(2) Undertakes to institute appropriate procedures for safeguarding the information, with particular reference to client-identifying information; and
 - "(3) Undertakes to resist any efforts to obtain

access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided for in this act.

"(b) No information may be disclosed pursuant to this section except that information necessary to enable the service organization receiving it to provide services to a client.".

Sec. 3(a). This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

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(b) This act shall expire on the 180th day of its having taken effect.

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Note, D.C. Code, secs. 6-2027 & 6-2028 (1987 supp.)

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

District of Columbia

Approved October 30, 1986



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Council Period Six — Second Session

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