

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Mentally Retarded Citizens Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978 to clarify that this law does not prohibit disclosure and release of information and records of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Fatality Review Committee and the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Incident Management and Investigations Unit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Disclosure of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Fatality Review Committee and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Incident Management and Investigations Unit Information and Records Temporary Amendment Act of 2006".

Sec. 2. Section 512 of the Mentally Retarded Citizens Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-137; D.C. Official Code § 7-1305.12), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 7-1305.12

(a) Designate the existing text as subsection (a).

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

“(b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to prevent access to, nor disclosure and release of, information and records held, created by, provided to, or received by the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Fatality Review Committee, established by Mayor’s Order 2005 - 143, issued September 30, 2005 (53 DCR 161), and the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Incident Management and Investigations Unit, including all agency records, committee reports, service provider records, and other government documents; provided, that any disclosure and release of the information and records shall not include the disclosure or release of any customer’s identifying information.”.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the April 4, 2006 fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) 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.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia