

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Holding Company System Act of 1993, the Hospital and Medical Services Corporation Regulatory Act of 1996, and the Law on Examinations of 1992 to exempt the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation from the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 for purposes of hiring attorneys, actuaries, accountants, investment bankers, and other experts necessary to assist the Department in its review of the proposed conversion of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. ("GHMSI") from a nonprofit hospital and medical services corporation to a for-profit hospital and medical services corporation, and the acquisition of GHMSI by WellPoint Health Networks, Inc.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Procurement Temporary Act of 2002".

Sec. 2. Section 4(g)(3) of the Holding Company System Act of 1993, effective October 21, 1993 (D.C. Law 10-44; D.C. Official Code §31-703(g)(3)), is amended by adding a new sentence to read as follows:

Note,
§ 31-703

"For this purpose, the Mayor shall be exempt from the provisions of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-301.01 *et seq.*).".

Sec. 3. Section 3(b)(2) of the Hospital and Medical Services Corporation Regulatory Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-245; D.C. Official Code § 31-3502(b)(2)), is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

Note,
§ 31-3502

"For purposes of costs assessed and expended under this paragraph, the provisions of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-301.01 *et seq.*), shall not apply.".

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Sec. 4. Section 7 of the Law on Examinations of 1992, effective October 21, 1993 (D.C. Law 10-49; D.C. Official Code § 31-1406), is amended by adding a sentence at the end to read as follows: Note,
§ 31-1406

“For purposes of expenses assessed and paid under this section, the provisions of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-301.01 *et seq.*), shall not apply.”.

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement 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. 6. 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 or upon the effective date of the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Procurement Act of 2002, whichever occurs first.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia