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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is a bill entitled the "Senior Law Enforcement Amendment Act of 2016."

The legislation amends the Retired Police Officer Redeployment Act of 1992 to authorize the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to rehire retired MPD officers as senior law enforcement officers without liability for annuity offset. The bill will assist MPD in retaining experienced, highly qualified officers who would otherwise retire and be rehired by another jurisdiction as a law enforcement officer. Retention of veteran law enforcement officers is essential to maintaining our police force levels.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Deputy Mayor Kevin Donahue at (202) 286-5028.

Sincerely,

Muriel Bowser

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend the Retired Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 1992 to authorize the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department to rehire retired Metropolitan Police Department police officers as senior law enforcement officers, at any rank, without liability for annuity offset.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Senior Law Enforcement Officer Amendment Act of 2016".

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the Retired Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 1992, effective September 29, 1992 (D.C. Law 9-163; D.C. Official Code § 5-761), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Except for a disability annuitant, a police officer retired from the Metropolitan Police Department shall be eligible for rehire at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department as a fully sworn temporary full-time or temporary part-time police officer without jeopardy to the retirement benefits of the police officer.

"(b) A retired police officer who is rehired under this section shall be vested with full police powers, including, but not limited to, the authority to carry a firearm; provided, that the

1 length of time of employment of a person rehired under the Senior Law Enforcement Officer
2 Amendment Act of 2016, enacted _____, shall not exceed 5 years.
3 "(c) Service under this section shall not count as creditable service for the purposes of the
4 Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act, approved September 1, 1916 (39 Stat.
5 718; D.C. Official Code § 5-704).
6 "(d) A retired police officer who is rehired under this section at the rank of Officer shall
7 be paid a salary of no more than that equal to the salary paid a Class 1, Step 5 Officer and shall
8 not be eligible for longevity pay.
9 "(e) No retired police officer who is rehired under this section shall be detailed to any
10 agency of the District of Columbia government other than the Metropolitan Police Department.
11 "(f) A police officer who retired at any rank other than officer and who is rehired under
12 this section shall not be eligible for longevity pay, but shall be eligible to be rehired subject to
13 the following service step limitations:
14 (1) Class 1 (Officer) – Step 5;
15 (2) Class 3 (Detective Grade 1) – Step 4; and
16 (3) Class 4 (Sergeant) – Step 3.
17 "(g) Subsection (f) of this section shall expire 3 years after the effective date of this act.
18 "(h) The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department shall publish on the agency
19 website a list of the requirements process to be rehired under this section.".
20 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.
21 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement provided in the committee report as the
22 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
23 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

1 Sec. 4. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
3 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
4 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
5 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
6 Columbia Register.