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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to provide that the District shall not charge for the care in a hospital for the mentally ill of a person acquitted solely on the grounds of insanity when the source of the funds being sought were obtained as a result of a judgment or settlement against the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Frank Harris, Jr. Justice Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Section 927(f) of An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, effective March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1340; D.C. Official Code § 24-501(f)), is amended to read as follows:

Amend
§ 24-501

“(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, when an accused person is acquitted solely on the ground of insanity and ordered confined in a hospital for the mentally ill, the person and the person’s estate shall be charged with the expense of the person’s support in the hospital.

“(2) The District shall not charge a person or his estate for the expense of the person’s support in a hospital for the mentally ill if the source of the funds being sought to compensate the District were obtained as a result of:

“(A) A judgment against the District pertaining to its care of the person;

or

“(B) A settlement reached by the District with a person or his estate pertaining to its care of the person.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the November 27, 2007 fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer 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)).

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Sec. 4. Effective date.

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 60-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia