

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5551

To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASE PROVIDED IN**
2 **FUNDING FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTOR-**
3 **NEYS REPRESENTING INDIGENT DEFEND-**
4 **ANTS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS.**

5 (a) INCREASE IN HOURLY RATE.—Section 11—
6 2604(a), District of Columbia Official Code, is amended
7 by striking “\$65 per hour” and inserting “\$80 per hour”.

8 (b) INCREASE IN CAPS ON TOTAL COMPENSATION
9 PAID FOR PARTICULAR CASES.—Section 11—2604(b),
10 District of Columbia Official Code, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 “(b) The compensation to be paid to an attorney ap-
13 pointed pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed the fol-
14 lowing maximum amounts:

15 “(1) For representation of a defendant before
16 the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for
17 misdemeanors or felonies, the maximum amount set
18 forth in section 3006A(d)(2) of title 18, United
19 States Code, for representation of a defendant be-
20 fore the United States magistrate judge or the dis-
21 trict court for misdemeanors or felonies (as the case
22 may be).

23 “(2) For representation of a defendant before
24 the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the max-
25 imum amount set forth in section 3006A(d)(2) of

1 title 18, United States Code, for representation of a
2 defendant in an appellate court.

3 “(3) For representation of a defendant in post-
4 trial matters for misdemeanors or felonies, the
5 amount applicable under paragraph (1) for mis-
6 demeanors or felonies (as the case may be).”.

7 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
9 respect to cases and proceedings initiated on or after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act.

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