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## Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 10210 - Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1976 -- will extend unemployment compensation coverage to certain agricultural workers, domestic service workers, and State and local government workers; improves the financing of the system by increasing the taxable wage base and the tax rate; permits the Virgin Islands to join the unemployment compensation system; extends for 1 year, until December 31, 1977, and amends the Special Unemployment Assistance program (SUA); establishes a National Commission on Unemployment Compensation; makes other changes in the unemployment compensation program; and amends the Supplemental Security Income program (SSI).

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The President has signed District of Columbia Act 1-152 - Healing Arts Practice Act of 1976. This amends the Healing Arts Practice Act (District of Columbia, 1928) to revise the composition and authority of the Commission on Licensure to Practice the Healing Art.

The District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (Home Rule Act) provides that Acts of the City Council which have been vetoed by the Mayor and overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Council shall be transmitted by the Council Chairman to the President for review.

D. C. Act 1-152 will establish the Commission on Licensure to Practice the Healing Art as an independent statutory body with its own staff by substantially altering its composition and the method of appointing its members. The Commission is the legal entity empowered to license physicians in the District of Columbia.

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