

(d) The following British statutes shall no longer have any force or effect in the District of Columbia:

(1) 9 and 10 William III (1698), chapter 17, sec. 3 (D.C. Code, 1961 ed., sec. 28-410).

(2) 3 and 4 Anne (1704), chapter 9, secs. 7 and 8 (D.C. Code, 1961 ed., sec. 28-920).

SEC. 16. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1965. Laws enacted after the approval of this Act, that are inconsistent with this Act, supersede it to the extent of the inconsistency.

HOUSE COMMITTEE STAFF MEMORANDUM

H.R. 5338 (by Mr. McMillan) to enact the Uniform Commercial Code for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this bill is the adoption for the District of Columbia of the Uniform Commercial Code (hereinafter referred to as UCC).

UCC and its revisions were drafted under, and are still under, the joint sponsorship of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and the American Law Institute. The work was begun in 1942 and continued without interruption until adoption of UCC by its two sponsors in 1952. In the same year it was approved by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Since then, it has been officially revised on several occasions as a result of extensive study by various State commissions and committees and as a result of practical experience in States where UCC has been adopted.

The sponsors of UCC established the permanent editorial board for the Uniform Commercial Code, in order to maintain a continual review of UCC and to recommend modifications in it from time to time. That editorial board, after studying the changes made in UCC by the first 18 adopting States, made a number of proposals known as the 1962 recommendations for amendment of the Uniform Commercial Code.

The Uniform Commercial Code as included in section 1 of H.R. 5338 is, with relatively few changes, the same as the 1958 official text as modified by the 1962 recommendations. In other words, the proposed District of Columbia UCC is based on the latest official revision of UCC.

As of the present time 23 States have adopted the UCC, as follows:

Alaska	Massachusetts	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Michigan	Oregon
Connecticut	Montana ¹	Pennsylvania
Georgia	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
Illinois	New Jersey	Tennessee
Indiana ¹	New Mexico	West Virginia ¹
Kentucky	New York	Wyoming
Maryland ¹	Ohio	

¹ Not signed by Governor as of March 13, 1963.

It is reported that UCC is also still pending (as of March 13, 1963) before the legislatures of the following States:

California	Missouri	Washington
Hawaii	Nebraska	Wisconsin
Maine	Texas	
Minnesota	Vermont	

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 of H.R. 5338 provides for the adoption of UCC as subtitle I of title 28 of the District of Columbia Code. The following is a brief review of the 10 articles of UCC:

Article 1

This article deals with matters of general application, and contains general definitions and principles of interpretation.