U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION Washington

DISTRICT MINIMUM WAGE BOARD MAY ISSUE WAGE-HOUR HANDICAP CERTIFICATES

Eunice Broyles, Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Minimum Wage Board today was authorized to grant or deny applications for special certificates for the employment of handicapped workers it was announced by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The authority thus granted, which included power to sign, issue and cancel special certificates authorizing the employment of handicapped workers, is in line with the process of decentralization in handling requests for such certificates begun last spring. All the Wage and Hour Regional Offices, including the Puerto Rican Territorial Office have been given this authority.

Section 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act makes provision for the employment of "individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury" at less than the applicable minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Administrator or his authorized representative.