

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 31, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Government Attorney Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2002"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation as Introduced - No Bill Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan because no additional staff or resources will be required. All operations will be absorbed by the District of Columbia Office of Personnel (DCOP) and expenses for publication will be absorbed by the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances.

Background

The proposed legislation amends the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to require attorneys to acquire from the District of Columbia Bar Committee a Certificate of Good Standing. This certificate is to be filed with DCOP. The proposed legislation will apply to attorneys who are compensation level DS-13 and above, and are employed in the following agencies:

- ◆ The Executive Offices of the Mayor;
- ◆ The Office of the Corporation Counsel;
- ◆ The Office of the Chief Financial Officer;
- ◆ The District Board of Education; or
- ◆ Any Independent District Agency.

Provisions of the proposed legislation require the Director of DCOP to publish, on an annual basis, those attorneys who have not met the filing requirement. DCOP is required by the provisions of the proposed legislation to promulgate enforcement regulations.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan. The proposed legislation is a filing requirement that will be enforced by and absorbed into the existing operations of DCOP. Publication requirements can be satisfied through the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances production of the District Register.