

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** September 16, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Commercial Driver's License  
Approval Resolution of 2004"

**REFERENCE:** Approval Resolution to be Introduced- No Number Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed approval resolution. No additional staff or resources will be required to implement the proposed rules.

**Background**

Currently, the District disqualifies drivers from having a commercial driver's license for several reasons. Disqualification for a commercial driver's license means a suspension or revocation of a commercial driver's license; for a non-commercial driver's license holder, it means an ineligibility to obtain a commercial driver's license for a specified period of time.

The proposed resolution would approve rules that create new disqualifying offenses to conform to federal requirements. In addition, the proposed rules (1) eliminate the requirement that District employees obtain a "G" endorsement in order to operate government vehicles, and (2) replace the schools bus driver's license with a commercial driver's license with a school bus endorsement.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed approval resolution. The proposed legislation requires no additional staff or resources in order to implement the proposed rules.

Failure to establish these conforming rules would result in loss of federal highway funding. Although the proposed rules will increase the operational burdens on the DMV, it only slightly increases this burden because notices are already sent through multi-purpose computer operations. The computer programming necessary to accommodate the new requirements has been completed, a portion of which was funded from a federal grant of \$500,000 dedicated to commercial driver's license purposes.