

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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: AUG -4 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Real Property Protection from Motor Vehicles Amendment Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-0252

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required.

Background

The proposed legislation would:

- (1) define 'victim' and 'motor vehicle accident victim' to include owners of personal and real property;
- (2) make real property owners who report damage to their property within specified guidelines eligible for compensation from the Uninsured Motorist Fund (Fund); and
- (3) require the Metropolitan Police Department to provide an accident report to the owner of real property damaged by a motor vehicle accident within 10 working days or receiving notice of such damage.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The Fund is only available to those who would not otherwise be compensated for their loss. According to DISR, there have been no claims on the Fund for the past three years, and in any given year, have never exceeded \$15,000. There is currently \$50,000 budgeted to the Fund; if claims against the Fund do not exceed this amount, there would be no impact on the District's budget and financial plan. Federal and District anti-deficiency laws prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year. 31 U.S.C.A. § 1341 (2000); D.C. Code § 47.355.01 *et seq.* (2003).