

**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  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** May 25, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Tampering with Vehicles Penalty  
Amendment Act of 2001"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 14-189 as Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2001 budget and the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan because no additional District staff or resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The Tampering with Vehicles Penalty Amendment Act of 2001 amends D.C. Code § 40-812 to provide criminal penalties for unlawfully tampering with a vehicle, and to permit the Office of the Corporation Counsel's (OCC) prosecution of such charges. D.C. Code § 40-812 prohibits the parking of vehicles upon public or private property in the District without the consent of the owner of such property.

**Financial Plan Impact**

**A. Expenditures**

OCC estimates that cases related to the tampering of vehicles have constituted a small percentage, 5 percent, of referrals to OCC. Based on this estimate, OCC does not anticipate that it will incur additional expenditures related to the proposed legislation.

## **B. Revenue**

There is no revenue impact because the District of Columbia does not currently retain revenue collected from fines imposed by the Superior Court. This revenue is retained by the Superior Court Victims' Assistance Fund. Under the Revitalization Act of 1997, the federal government has assumed responsibility for the District courts.