

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 [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: April 6, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Increased Penalty for Reckless Driving Emergency Amendment Act of 2004"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 15-758 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2004 budget and the proposed FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation increases the fines and penalties for automotive moving violations characterized in the law as reckless driving¹. A first time violation will be increased from a fine not more than \$250 and/or imprisonment for not more than 3 months, to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 6 months. A subsequent violation within 2 years of the first violation will be increased from a fine not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, to a fine of not less than \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for not less than 6 months.

Financial Plan Impact

The District only collects and retains civil fines and penalties. The Superior Court retains funds collected as fines and fees for criminal judgments. Funds are sufficient in the FY 2004 and the proposed FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to implement the amendments made by the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

¹ D.C. Official Code Title 50 § 2201.04(a) and (b); effective March 3, 1925.