

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: “Disregard for Motor Vehicle Laws and Automobile Forfeiture Emergency Amendment Act of 2004”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation as Introduced - No Bill Number Available

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 violations with regard to vehicle registration; specifically an illegal¹ use of temporary license plates. The current fine will be increased from \$300 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days. In addition, under the proposed legislation the vehicle is subject to seizure and disposal.

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 § 1501.04 *et Sequitor*.