

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: AUG 21 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Clinical Laboratory Practitioners
Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation to be Introduced—No Bill Number

Conclusion

Funds would be sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would generate approximately \$442,000 in net revenue over the FY 2008 through FY 2011 period. Gross revenues would be sufficient to cover projected expenditures, but would need to be appropriated for the purposes of the proposed bill.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985¹ to establish minimum qualifications and require licensure or registration for clinical laboratory practitioners. Licensure would be required for cytotechnologists, histologic technicians, histotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, and medical technologists. Phlebotomists would be required to be registered.

In addition, the proposed legislation would establish the Board of Clinical Regulatory Practitioners. The five-member Board would regulate the practices of cytotechnology, histotechnology, medical technology, histologic technicians, medical laboratory technicians, and phlebotomists.

¹ Effective March 25, 1986. D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*

Financial Plan Impact

Funds would be sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would generate approximately \$442,000 in net revenue over the FY 2008 through FY 2011 period. Gross revenues would be sufficient to cover projected expenditures, but would need to be appropriated for the purposes of the proposed legislation. In addition, specific authorization would be required for any increases in staffing. Revenues would be deposited into the Health Occupations Regulation Fund to be administered by the Department of Health (DOH) without fiscal year limitation.²

Costs associated with the new Board of Clinical Regulatory Practitioners and an additional health licensing specialist required to implement this bill would be offset by revenues generated from new license and registration fees paid by clinical laboratory practitioners.³ In odd-numbered years when license and registration fees would not be collected by the District, the Health Occupations Regulation Fund balance (generated from the cumulative collections from the implementation of this bill in prior fiscal years) would be sufficient to cover necessary expenditures.

Estimated Revenue Impact to the Financial Plan					
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	4-Year Total
Expenditures	\$118,962	\$118,753	\$121,125	\$123,579	\$482,419
Revenues	\$564,000	\$0	\$360,000	\$0	\$924,000
Available Fund Balance Required*	\$0	\$118,753	\$0	\$123,579	
TOTAL					\$441,581

* The Health Occupations Regulation Fund balance would only be required in odd-numbered years when revenues would not be sufficient to offset expenditures. The "\$0" figure in FY 2008 and FY 2010 denotes that revenues would be sufficient to offset expenditures, and thus, money from the Fund balance would not be required.

² Per D.C. Code § 7-733, all revenue derived from licensure and registration fees paid by health professionals in the District is deposited into this fund.

³ Per D.C. Code §3-1204.06, members of each health board and advisory committee are entitled to receive reimbursement for reasonable travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Their yearly expenses are estimated to be, on average, \$10,000 each.