

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: NOV 29 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
Revision Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-58 – Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The District Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) can absorb the cost of implementing the proposed legislation with existing appropriations.

Background

The proposed legislation would enact the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, completed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) in 2006. It is a replacement for the original Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, which was completed by NCCUSL in 1968 and enacted in every state and the District.¹

The intent of the proposed legislation is to increase the availability of organs, eyes, and tissue for purposes of transplantation, therapy, research, and education by protecting a donor's decision to make an anatomical gift from interference by others after the donor's death. It would also facilitate anatomical gifts by expanding those who may act for donors during their life and after their death, by expanding the types of documents of gifts recognized including those on donor registries. The proposed bill would facilitate

¹ District of Columbia Anatomical Gift Act, approved May 26, 1970 (84 Stat. 267; D.C. Code § 1504(b))

procurement organizations' access to records of documents of gifts and essential medical records, and would provide rules for use of anatomical gifts when the purposes are not stated.

The proposed legislation would encourage cooperation between procurement organizations and the OCME and would facilitate anatomical gifts from decedents whose bodies are under the jurisdiction of OCME.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. OCME can absorb the cost of implementing the proposed legislation with existing appropriations.