

**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** April 30, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Driver Education Program and Fleet Program Amendment Act of 2009”

**REFERENCE:** No Bill Number, Draft Amendment to Bill No. 18-203, “FY 2010 Budget Support Act of 2009”

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Enactment of the proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District’s budget and financial plan. The suspension of the hacker’s license training course by the proposed legislation would eliminate both the revenues from course fees and the costs from course delivery, resulting in no net impact.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would suspend the Hacker’s License Training Course until January 1, 2012. The Hacker’s License Training Course is one of the requirements of licensing to operate a taxicab in the District. The District of Columbia Official Code requires<sup>1</sup> that all persons who apply for a license to operate a taxicab in the District should complete the Hacker’s License Training Course, which is administered by the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), prior to their license application at the Taxicab Commission. The proposed legislation would amend the D.C. Official Code to add a new subparagraph<sup>2</sup> stating that this training course would be suspended until January 1, 2012; during the suspension period the Taxicab Commission would have the power to establish apprenticeship programs, if needed, to train potential taxicab operators to operate a taxicab by an existing taxicab company or association. The Taxicab

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<sup>1</sup> Section 47-2829(e)(2) of the District of Columbia Official Code.

<sup>2</sup> A new subparagraph (D) is proposed to be added to Section 47-2829(e)(2) of the D.C. Official Code.

Commission would also be able to allow a prospective taxicab operator who has completed such an apprenticeship program to take the required examination for licensing without having taken the suspended Hacker's License Training Course.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan. In FY 2009, the Hacker's License Training Course is projected to generate \$232,113 in revenue from fees, but all of this revenue will be used to support the costs of the training course, including course material provided to prospective taxicab operators taking the course. The proposed suspension would eliminate both the revenues and the costs associated with this program; therefore, the net impact of suspending the program on the budget would be zero.