

Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Kwame R. Brown  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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

**DATE:** April 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Access to Selective Service Registration Amendment Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 19-330, Draft Committee Print shared with OCFO on March 20, 2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill has an effective date of October 1, 2012, so no costs would be incurred in FY 2012.

**Background**

Federal law requires all males aged eighteen through twenty-five living in the United States to register with Selective Service.<sup>1</sup> The mission of the Selective Service System is to provide manpower to the U.S. armed forces in an emergency and to run an Alternative Service Program for men classified as conscientious objectors during a draft.<sup>2</sup> Currently, the District Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) allows residents covered under the law to register at the time of application for a new or renewal of a District driver’s license or identification card. Residents can also register directly with the Selective Service System.

The bill amends Section 7 of the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1924<sup>3</sup> to direct DMV to register an applicant for an operator’s permit or identification card with Selective Service at the time of application and to notify the applicant that his information has been forwarded to the Selective Service System. However, the bill allows an applicant to opt-out of Selective Service registration and

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<sup>1</sup> As prescribed in The Military Selective Service Act (Pub. L. 90-40; 50 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*).

<sup>2</sup> Information on the Selective Service System can be found at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

<sup>3</sup> Approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1121; D.C. Official Code § 50-1401.01(a)(5A)).

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requires DMV to create an opt-out form<sup>4</sup> which outlines the benefits and consequences of failing to register.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill has an effective date of October 1, 2012, so no costs would be incurred in FY 2012. DMV will create an opt-out form online and print it upon request of an applicant. Any costs associated with implementation can be absorbed within the Department's existing resources.

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<sup>4</sup> This form would not be transmitted to the Selective Service System.