

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



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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:** March 19, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Disabled Citizen Parking Fairness  
Emergency Amendment Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 15, 2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

In March 2012, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) began enforcing the red top meter reserved meter parking program,<sup>1</sup> which designates metered parking spaces for drivers with disabilities. The red powder coated parking meters DDOT installed mark spaces at which only drivers with special license tags or parking permits are allowed to park. The spaces require payment and allow drivers to park for up to double the posted time limit. Prior to this program, drivers with disabilities were able to park at any meter without cost for double the posted time.<sup>2</sup>

The bill prohibits the issuance of a parking meter citation to any driver displaying a special license tag or parking permit for the physically disabled if the driver is parked for less than double the posted time period. The driver is prohibited from parking at times and locations where all vehicles are prohibited or if the space is designated for a specialty vehicle. The person with the disability must also be present at the time the vehicle enters or leaves the parking space where twice the posted time was allowed.

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<sup>1</sup> This program was developed after the completion of the study required under 18 DCMR § 2406.9, “Parking Prohibited by Posted Sign.”

<sup>2</sup> 18 DCMR § 2704.4, “Issuance of Special License Tags or Parking Permit.”

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

To implement the bill, DDOT will remove the red top meters from their current locations, install new signage to maintain dedicated spaces,<sup>3</sup> repaint the red top meters, and relocate them to new parking locations or to replace older meters. It will cost DDOT \$19,500 to repaint 1,500 meters. The costs associated with repainting and relocating the meters can be absorbed in the Department's existing resources.

The bill could affect parking meter revenues,<sup>4</sup> but the impact is likely to be small and the Office of Revenue Analysis is unable to quantify the impact with information currently available.

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<sup>3</sup> Dedicated spaces are not a provision of the bill and costs associated with signage will not impact the bill's fiscal impact.

<sup>4</sup> An example of incremental loss is that these spaces can no longer support any paid parking, even if empty. An example of incremental gain is that DDOT will replace some older meters with the new networked meters which increase revenues due to improved technology.