

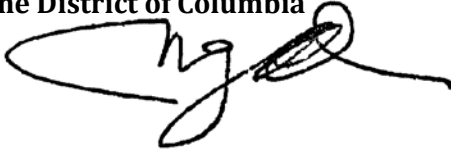
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Natwar M. Gandhi
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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 – “Wrongful Death Emergency Amendment Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Draft Emergency Legislation as Shared with OCFO on March 15, 2012

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill amends District law¹ associated with the statute of limitations for the personal representative of a deceased person to file a wrongful death lawsuit. The bill increases the time to file the lawsuit to two years from one year.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. It is possible a few cases that recently passed the one year limitation could seek to pursue a wrongful death suit in the year following passage of the bill, but any costs associated with that increase would be borne by the Superior Court of District of Columbia. The Superior Court is funded by the Federal government and implementation would not impact the District’s budget and financial plan.

¹ D.C. Official Code § 16-2702, “Party Plaintiff; Statute of Limitations.”