

**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: December 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Inoperable Pistol Amendment Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-593, Committee Print¹

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources would be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 22-4501, § 22-4506, and § 22-4508 to control the possession, sale, transfer, and use of pistols and other weapons in the District; in addition, the proposed legislation would amend existing law to state clearly that operability of a pistol is not a required element for charging a person with "carrying a pistol without a license." Specifically, the proposed legislation would:

- Amend the definition of "firearm" to remove "operability" as an element to various offenses;
- Revise the definitions of "machine gun," "pistol," and "shotgun" to conform with subsequent law;

¹ Committee Print dated November 25, 2008. Committee Print received in ORA December 2, 2008.

- Add a definition for "place of business" to limit who is allowed to carry a firearm at their place of business;
- Criminalize the discharge of firearms except as otherwise permitted by law;
- Clarify that no person shall carry a rifle or shotgun except as otherwise permitted by law;
- Clarify that restrictions on carrying do not apply within a registrant's home, while being used for lawful recreational purposes, while kept at a registrant's place of business, or while being transported for a lawful purpose;
- Revise the requirements pertaining to the transportation of firearms to more closely align with Federal law;
- Repeal the provision for the issuance of a license to carry a pistol;
- Apply transfer restrictions to all firearms, not just pistols; and
- Change the waiting period from 48 hours to 10 days to purchase a firearm.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources would be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.