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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: December 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Go-Go Official Music of the District of
Columbia Designation Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Bill 23-317, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on December 13, 2019

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill designates Go-Go as the official music of the District of Columbia and directs the Mayor to create a plan to support, preserve, and archive Go-Go music and its history. The plan must outline responsibilities of relevant District agencies, including the District of Columbia Archives, the Office of Cable Television, Film, and Entertainment, and the District of Columbia Public Library. The plan must be submitted to Council within 240 days of the effective date of the act.

The bill repeals a curfew provision¹ that prohibits minors from dance halls (and a variety of other specific entertainment venues) after 11:30pm and requires revocation of a venue license if the curfew is violated. The provision conflicts with more recent juvenile curfew laws with earlier curfew times that do not limit the curfew to specific venues.²

¹ D.C. Official Code §§ 47-2820(c) and 47-2820(d).

² See Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995, effective September 23, 1995 (D.C. Law 11-48; D.C. Official Code § 2-1541 *et. seq.*).

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FIS: "Go-Go Official Music of the District of Columbia Designation Act of 2019," Bill 23-317, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 13, 2019.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Mayor is able to create the plan within current resources. Repealing the dance hall curfew provision does not have a fiscal impact because agencies are already bound by broader curfew laws that include all types of business.