

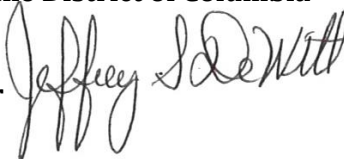
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: September 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying
Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-170, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 17, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill authorizes the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to enforce landlord-tenant disputes under the District's consumer protection laws¹ when appropriate. This authority has been granted to the Attorney General on an emergency and temporary basis in 2016,² 2017,³ and 2018.⁴

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's implementation gives the Attorney General an additional avenue to

¹ District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act, effective July 22, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-176; D.C. Official Code § 28-3901 et seq.).

² At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying Emergency and Temporary Amendment Acts of 2016, effective December 19, 2016 and April 15, 2017 (63 DCR 15695 and D.C. Law 21-271).

³ At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying Emergency and Temporary Amendment Acts of 2017, effective October 23, 2017 and January 25, 2018 (64 DCR 10790 and D.C. Law 22-45).

⁴ At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying Emergency and Temporary Amendment Acts of 2018, effective July 16, 2018 and enacted September 5, 2018 (65 DCR 7518 and D.C. Act 22-446).

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pursue legal action in landlord-tenant disputes. This authority was first granted on an emergency basis in 2016 and there are no additional costs associated with making this permanent.