


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



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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 15, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement –Dining with Dogs Act of 2017

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-510, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on December 15, 2017

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill allows food establishments to permit dogs in outdoor dining areas. In order to permit dogs in outdoor dining areas, food establishments must:

- Post signage outside clearly stating that dogs are permitted in outdoor dining areas along with any restrictions based on the size or temperament of dogs.
- Provide an entrance that does not require dogs to enter the indoor dining area;
- Provide patrons with waste bags and means of disposing of the waste bags;
- Ensure that food employees do not care for or handle dogs;
- Require patrons to keep his or her dog in a carrier or on a leash at all times; and,
- Prohibit patrons from leaving dogs unattended.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Department of Health can implement the proposed bill without any additional resources.