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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: November 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Eviction with Dignity Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-809, Draft Committee Print circulated November 6, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Committee Print of the bill states that the bill is subject to appropriation, but the bill has no impact on the budget and financial plan.

Background

The bill prohibits¹ housing providers from evicting a tenant on a day when precipitation is falling at the location of the rental unit and from placing a tenant's abandoned property in an outdoor public space (other than a lawful disposal receptacle). Landlords issuing eviction notices to tenants must provide them with a minimum fourteen-day notice period and a seven-day period in which any belongings will be stored in their unit, post-eviction. The bill prescribes certain notice provisions which must be included in eviction notices, including that the tenant may access the unit for up to two days during the storage period for the purpose of removing their personal property.

For certain other residences not subject to the Rental Housing Act², the bill also prohibits landlords from placing abandoned property in an outdoor public space (other than a lawful disposal receptacle) and from profiting from any sale of such abandoned property.

¹ By amending the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.01 et seq.).

² D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.05.

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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 does not place any requirements on a District agency.