

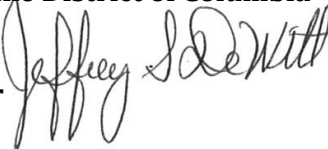
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: December 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Ghost Guns Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 11, 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 prohibits the District from issuing a firearms registration certificate for ghost guns. The bill defines ghost guns as those that, after the removal of all parts except the receiver,¹ cannot be detected by a metal detector.

The bill also prohibits any individual's possession, sale, transfer, or use of a ghost gun in the District.²

¹ The receiver is the part of the firearm that provides the action or housing for the hammer, bolt or breechblock, and firing mechanism.

² The bill provides some limited exemptions for members of the military, law enforcement personnel, or others authorized to carry such weapons through An Act To control the possession, sale, transfer, and use of pistols and other dangerous weapons in the District of Columbia, to provide penalties, to prescribe rules of evidence, and for other purposes, approved July 8, 1932 (47 Stat. 650; D.C. Official Code § 22-4514).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
FIS: "Ghost Guns Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019," Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue
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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 District can enforce the ghost gun prohibition with existing enforcement resources.