

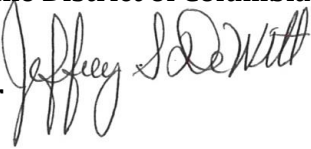
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** January 17, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Injured Metropolitan Police Officer Relief  
Amendment Act of 2018

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-287, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on January 17, 2018

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**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

Members of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) who are injured or fall ill because of a performance-of-duty situation are recommended for retirement if (1) the MPD Chief determines that the member will not be able to perform the full range of duties after achieving maximum medical improvement, or (2) the member spends all or part of 172 work days in a less-than-full-duty status over a two-year period. Current law exempts from the retirement referral pregnant members and members whose serious injury or illness may last longer than two years but is projected to allow for the return to full-duty status upon achieving maximum medical improvement.<sup>1</sup>

The bill further exempts from a retirement referral any member who has sustained a serious or life-threatening injury or illness requiring critical care treatment in an intensive care unit, unless the member spent more than 172 work days in a less-than-full-duty status and is unable to work in a less-than-full-duty capacity. The bill also requires MPD to offer a member who spent time in an intensive care unit and is willing and able to work in a less-than-full-duty capacity, a position that does not consist of policing duties.

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<sup>1</sup> Omnibus Public Safety Agency Reform Amendment Act of 2004, effective September 30, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-194; D.C. Official Code § 5-633).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 22-287, "Injured Metropolitan Police Officer Relief Amendment Act of 2018," Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 17, 2018

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill provides additional protections against involuntary retirement for the most seriously injured or ill MPD members. Cases are expected to be limited and MPD can absorb any costs associated with keeping a member active who can no longer work in a full-duty capacity due to serious injury or illness sustained on the job.