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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia				
FROM:	Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer Jah Man				
DATE:	May 9, 2023				
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Office of Administrative Hearings Jurisdiction Amendment Act of 2023 (and accompanying emergency and temporary versions)				
REFERENCE:	Draft bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 24, 2023				

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 budget and proposed fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Concealed pistol licenses are issued by the Metropolitan Police Department, and an individual who is denied a concealed pistol license or has an existing concealed pistol license revoked or suspended may file an appeal with the Concealed Pistol Licensing Review Board (CPLRB).

The bill would move this appeals caseload from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ) to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and would disband the CPLRB, effective October 1, 2023. Cases currently pending at the CPLRB would be transferred to OAH, along with any reconsideration requests of CPLRB decisions. The draft bill also permits OAH to use CPLRB's current administrative procedures for appeals until OAH issues new rules. The bill was included as a subtitle in the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2024's Budget Support Act (BSA) of 2023¹ and is being moved separately from the BSA.

¹ <u>B25-0203-Introduction.pdf (dccouncil.gov)</u>

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FIS: "Office of Administrative Hearings Jurisdiction Amendment Act of 2023" (and accompanying emergency and temporary versions), Draft bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 24, 2023

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 budget and proposed fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The Mayor's proposed budget and financial plan includes an enhancement of \$218,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$895,000 from fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 for OAH to hire one administrative law judge to carry out the bill. The transfer of license appeal responsibilities to OAH and the elimination of the CPLRB also allows for savings at the DMPSJ. The DMPSJ had two employees working on license appeals in 2023 and \$108,000 of recurring funding for CPLRB board member stipends. In total, the net impact of the bill is \$64,000 in savings in fiscal year 2024 and \$253,000 in savings through fiscal year 2027.

Office of Administrative Hearings Jurisdiction Amendment Act of 2023 (\$ thousands)								
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total		
Costs at OAH	\$0	\$218	\$222	\$226	\$230	\$895		
Less: Savings at DMPSJ	\$0	(\$282)	(\$285)	(\$289)	(\$292)	(\$1,148)		
Total (Savings)	\$0	(\$64)	(\$64)	(\$63)	(\$62)	(\$253)		