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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 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact
Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December
18, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The District of Columbia entered into a compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland that authorized all three jurisdictions to ensure the prompt and orderly removal of disabled and abandoned vehicles from Potomac River crossings.¹ The compact authorizes each jurisdiction to utilize its own authority to remove a vehicle and any vehicles removed are subject to the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction to which the vehicle was taken. The compact covers the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge, Rochambeau Memorial Bridge, George Mason Memorial Bridge, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, Francis Scott Key Bridge, Chain Bridge, and American Legion Memorial Bridge.

The bill adds four bridges to the compact that connect Maryland and Virginia. These bridges are the Harry W. Nice Bridge, Sandy Hook Bridge, Brunswick Bridge, and Point of Rocks Bridge.

¹ Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact Act of 1999, effective March 31, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-63; D.C. Official Code § 9-1117.01 et seq.).

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FIS: "Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact Amendment Act of 2019," Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 18, 2018

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The new bridges do not cross into the District, but the compact requires all parties to include all covered bridges in their statutes. The inclusion of these four bridges in the compact does not impose a fiscal impact on the District.