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## **MEMORANDUM**

ТО:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
FROM:	Jeffrey S. DeWitt Chief Financial Officer
DATE:	January 30, 2019
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Enhancement Amendment Act of 2019
<b>REFERENCE</b> :	Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 24, 2019

## Conclusion

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

## Background

The bill clarifies the definition of an unfair trade practice to include flagrant and conscious disregard for laws and rules governing insurance trade practices. Unfair trade practices are currently defined as practices prohibited by Title II of the Insurance Trade and Economic Development Amendment Act<sup>1</sup> that occur with a level of frequency that indicate the illicit conduct is a general business practice.

## **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 enhances the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking's (DISB) efforts to enforce unfair insurance trade practices. DISB can absorb any additional enforcement activities within its existing budget.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective April 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-265; D.C. Official Code § 31-2231.01 et seq.).