

Government of the District of Columbia  
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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:** October 22, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - Domestic Partnership Termination  
Recognition Amendment Act of 2015

**REFERENCE:** Bill 21-199, draft committee print shared with the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on October 20, 2015

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

Under current law, parties to a domestic partnership, whether originally formed in the District or elsewhere, can dissolve their partnership by filing a termination statement with the Mayor.<sup>1</sup> The bill provides the statutory authority to dissolve domestic partnerships by judicial decree or judgment.<sup>2</sup> This way parties can make other jurisdictions recognize the termination of the domestic partnership.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Allowing the courts to terminate or dissolve domestic partnerships does not have a fiscal impact.

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<sup>1</sup> The domestic partnership is also terminated if the parties marry, or one of the parties dies.

<sup>2</sup> The bill amends D.C. Official Code § 16-901 *et seq.* It also amends the District Municipal Regulations that govern domestic partnerships (29 DCMR 8000 *et seq.*2).