

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: April 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center
Amendment Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Draft legislation, shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on April
12, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill amends the District’s medical marijuana law¹ by limiting to two the number of medical marijuana dispensaries that can be located within any election ward in the District. A ward would be limited to one dispensary if there are already 5 or more medical marijuana cultivation centers registered in that ward. Moreover, no more than 6 cultivation centers would be allowed in any ward. Finally, the bill also prohibits cultivation centers in Retail Priority Areas, and allows pending applications for cultivation centers to locate in a Retail Priority Area time to adjust the application without penalty.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill maintains the overall limitations on the numbers of dispensaries and cultivation centers in current law and only impacts where those facilities can locate in the District. This has no fiscal impact.

¹ “Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999,” effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-210; D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06).