

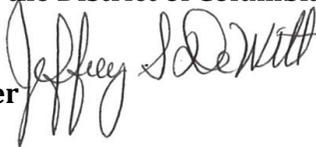
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Nightlife Regulation Amendment Act of 2015”

REFERENCE: Bill 21-196, Committee Print given to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 8, 2015

Conclusion

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

Background

The District prohibits licensed alcoholic beverage establishments from playing music or otherwise generating noise¹ that is audible in nearby buildings.² The bill redefines violations as noise audible at a distance of 50 feet or more from the establishment at night, and 100 feet or more during the day. An establishment is in violation if its noise is audible inside a residence with its windows and doors closed—regardless of the proximity to the licensed establishment.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration already investigates noise complaints regarding licensed alcoholic beverage establishments, and it will continue to do so under the new definition.

¹ The bill defines noise as sound produced by any “mechanical device, machine, apparatus, or instrument for amplification of the human voice, or any amplified sound or noise; any bell, horn, gong, whistle, drum, or other noise-making article, instrument, or device; or any musical instrument.”

² D.C. Official Code § 25-725.