MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
Interim Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Electronic Proof of License, Permit, or Identification Card Amendment Act of 2021

REFERENCE: Bill 24-43, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 5, 2021

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill allows a motor vehicle operator to carry and present their license, permit, or identification card in electronic format rather than maintaining a hard copy in the vehicle. A driver can provide this electronic proof to a law enforcement officer, who is deemed immune from any damage to the electronic device except for reckless or intentional misconduct. Motor vehicle operators must still present a physical document when required to do so by federal law, rule, or policy.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Metropolitan Police Department can accept electronic proof of a driver's
license, permit, or identification card, as it currently does with electronic motor vehicle insurance and registration cards,¹ with no additional costs or operational needs.