MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
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DATE: November 15, 2021


REFERENCE: Draft Introductions as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 15, 2021

Conclusion

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

Background

District law prohibits the possession and registration of ghost guns as well as the manufacture of firearms, destructive devices, and ammunition. The emergency and temporary bills clarify the definition of ghost guns to prohibit only undetectable and untraceable firearms while permitting the self-manufacture of serialized registered firearms made solely for personal use.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the emergency and temporary bills. The District already enforces a ban on ghost guns and clarifying the definition of what qualifies as a ghost gun has no cost. The Metropolitan Police Department can register self-manufactured serialized firearms with current staff and resources.

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1 Ghost guns are firearms that are undetectable and untraceable.
2 By amending The Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective September 24, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Official Code § 7-2501.01 et seq.).