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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: February 23, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Fingerprint-Based National Criminal Background History Records Check Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 19-198 – As shared with ORA on February 17, 2012.

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill would authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (“DISB”) to require fingerprint-based national criminal background history checks of applicants for certain professional licenses. DISB will also be authorized to exchange information with the Metropolitan Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purposes of these background checks.

Current law does not provide sufficient authority to the Commissioner to complete these background checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the bill. DISB has the capacity to handle the administration of these background checks and all associated costs can be paid by fees already charged to the license applicant.