

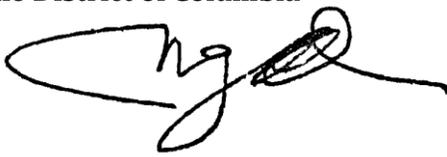
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** April 3, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Regulation of Body Artists and Body Art Establishments Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 19-221 – Committee Print

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill has costs of \$32,000 in FY 2013 and \$130,000 total from FY 2013 through FY 2016.

**Background**

The bill adds<sup>1</sup> the regulation of “body art” establishments and artisans to the list of industries and professionals the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) are required to regulate and license. Body art includes tattoos and body piercings. DOH would set up a regulatory structure that includes facility inspections and minimum health and safety requirements. DCRA would set up licensing requirements for tattoo and body piercing artisans through the existing Board of Barber and Cosmetology.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the bill.

Implementation of the bill will cost \$32,000 in FY 2013 and \$130,000 between FY 2013 and FY 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Official Code § 7-731.10 is amended and § 47-2809.02 is created.

There are currently between 12 and 15 body art establishments in the District. DCRA can set up and implement a licensing regime for professionals with existing resources. DOH requires one-half an FTE to perform the facility inspections required by this bill. The bill does not proscribe the amount that DOH or DCRA will charge for facility and professional licenses. ORA does not project the license fees will be enough to cover the costs of implementation. One-half an FTE at compensation Grade 9 will cost \$32,000 annually in salary and benefits.

<b>Estimated Cost of Implementing the Regulation of Body Artists and Body Art Establishments Act of 2012</b>					
	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>4-Year Costs</b>
Costs	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$130,000