

**Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: April 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency use of Video Surveillance Regulations Amendment Act of 2009”

REFERENCE: No Bill Number – DRAFT

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 and the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed Act.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Video Surveillance Rules Amendment Act of 2008¹ to prohibit the use of cameras maintained or monitored by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for surveillance in the operation of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency’s Video Interoperability for Public Safety (VIPS) program.²

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 and the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed Act. Prohibiting the use of cameras maintained or

¹ Effective August 16, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-219; D.C. Code § 7-2231.10)

² The aim of the VIPS program, announced by the Mayor in April 2008, is to centralize the city’s more than 5,200 closed-circuit televisions located in different city agencies by consolidating them within the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

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monitored by the DOC and the MPD in any future rules for the VIPS program issued by the Mayor would have no fiscal impact.