

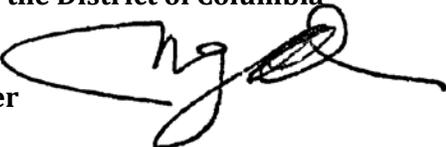
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: January 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Ignition Interlock Amendment Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as Shared with OCFO on January 17, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There would be no additional costs associated with implementation of the bill.

Background

An Ignition Interlock Program, which locks the ignition of a car if the driver fails to pass an on-board alcohol test, is typically used to reinstate driving privileges of those convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The District program is managed by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). It allows drivers to apply to participate in the program after conviction of their second or subsequent offense.¹ A participant obtains a restricted driver’s license usually for one year, and is responsible for all costs of the program including installation, monthly maintenance, and insurance.

The bill expands the participant pool for the program by reducing the number of convictions associated with eligibility from the second to the first or subsequent offense.² Conviction would be considered either a conviction by the District Superior Court of a driving while intoxicated or under

¹ The participation process involves completion of 1 year of a 2 year revocation period (or 2 years if a 3 year revocation period), an application to DMV, installation of the interlock device, being eligible for license reinstatement, not being convicted of causing injury or death while operating a motor vehicle, and having not participated in this or a similar program in the last 5 years.

www.dmv.dc.gov/info/IgnitionInterlockProgram.shtm

² The bill amends Section 10(a) the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925, effective April 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-238, D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.05a).

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the influence of alcohol offense or conviction after failure of a driver to file for review of the revocation order associated with the aforementioned offenses within ten days (fifteen days for a non-resident) to DMV.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Reducing the number of convictions from two to one would likely increase the number of drivers who take advantage of the Ignition Interlock Program. Because participants pay all costs directly to the ignition interlock device vendor, there would be no impact on the District's budget and financial plan.