

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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

**DATE:** April 1, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Unlicensed Practice of Law and Government Employment Application Fraud Amendment Act of 2002"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. Any costs would be absorbed with existing resources.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 by adding a new prohibition against practicing law without a license and committing government employment application fraud. The proposed legislation would establish a penalty of \$1,000 fine and/or 180 days imprisonment upon conviction of either offense. In addition to criminal action for unlicensed practice of law, Corporation Counsel would be authorized to maintain an action for injunctive relief.

**Financial Plan Impact**

According to the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), the number of prosecutions under the proposed legislation is expected to be small so that the prosecution of the resulting cases can be undertaken with existing resources. Both the potential revenue and expenditure effects are expected to be negligible.