

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 12, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Taxicab and Limousine Services
Reform Amendment Act of 2004"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation to be Introduced - No Bill Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan as approved by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. No additional staff or resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation transfers all resources and operations associated with the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Taxicab Commission will no longer be a quasi-independent regulatory enterprise. The Director of DDOT would oversee administration of all regulatory functions and taxicab operations. These authorities will include fare and fee regulation, hearings and the hearing examiners, standards and requirements for licensure, collection of civil fines and fees, annual reporting to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia, and other administrative functions.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan because no additional staff or resources will be required.

To the extent that the transfer of the Commission to DDOT may result in increased or additional responsibilities, there could be additional costs in the future. The current resources support the current level of performance. In addition, implementation of certain recommendations by the Mayor's Task Force on Taxicab Reform could require some additional funding in the future. Additional operational requirements have not been identified at this time so those costs cannot yet be quantified.

Federal and local anti-deficiency laws, 31 USC § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et Sequitor* (2003), prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding appropriations in any fiscal year. If funding is available to absorb the additional costs, then the fiscal impact would be zero. For subsequent years, the additional expenditures must be included in the budget and financial plan.