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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: JUN 23 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985
             Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill 16-772 As Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Revenue from licensing and renewal fees is expected to be sufficient to provide needed funding for any start-up and ongoing costs of implementing the legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the "Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985" to incorporate definitional changes for various professions; to establish a Board of Acupuncture; to create the position of Executive Director for the Boards of Nursing, Allied Health, and Behavioral Health; to clarify the definitions of terms related to the licensing of health occupations; to establish licensure for polysomnographers and graduate professional counselors; to establish registration programs for dental assistants, pharmacy technicians, and psychological associates; and to expand the number of acts for which health professionals may be disciplined. The proposed legislation is intended to update and improve the scope and effectiveness of licensing and registering health professionals in the District.

Financial Plan Impact

Revenue from licensing and renewal fees is expected to be sufficient to provide needed funding for any start-up and ongoing costs of implementing the legislation. Therefore, the proposed legislation has no net fiscal impact. The Department of Health will absorb any additional operating costs from existing appropriated budget resources.