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TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Department of Health Facilities

Sanitary Standards Act of 2008"

REFERENCE:

Draft Legislation - No Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The legislation does not require additional resources or staff time for implementation.

Background

The proposed legislation amends Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official code to authorize the Mayor to establish sterilization, sanitation, and safety standards for persons engaged in the business of personal grooming establishments and training facilities, such as barbershops, beauty parlors and hair stylists, massage parlors, tanning salons, public baths and swimming pools, food and food processors, and businesses engaged in mattress manufacturing and renovation. The Mayor would have the authority to promulgate rules instead of the Council to implement the act, to establish new licensing fees, and to establish new administrative and civil remedies, as well as criminal penalties for violations of the act or rules promulgated pursuant to the act. Until a new fee structure is implemented, the existing fee schedule would remain in place.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation does not require additional resources and staff time to implement.

No information exists at this time on what the new license fee structure might look like. But one intended consequence of this legislation is a more frequent updating of licensing The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
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fees, which would result in a positive fiscal impact on the O-Type funds, in which these fees are collected.