


**Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: December 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Historic Motor Vehicle
Amendment Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: B17 – 449 Committee Print dated November 7, 2008

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

The proposed legislation would create a new registration class for those historic vehicles that are driven purely for "occasional pleasure" and not for regular transportation. The provisions of the proposed legislation would be implemented within the existing motor vehicle registration and inspections systems. No additional resources or staff time would be required to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would reclassify historic motor vehicles defined by DC Code § 50-1501.01 as class F (II) and would create a new class, F (I), for those historic vehicles that are occasionally driven purely for pleasure, and not for general transportation. A vehicle classified as F (I) historic vehicle must adhere to an annual mileage limit of 1000 miles or less. Registration fees for Class F (I) historic vehicles would be similar to those

for Class A passenger vehicles (\$72 to \$155 depending on weight of the vehicle). The proposed legislation would not change the fees for Class F (II) historic vehicles.

The proposed legislation would also amend Title 18 of the District Municipal Code to require that Class F (II) historic vehicles be inspected every two years for an odometer check. A vehicle that exceeds the annual mileage limit shall have its registration suspended until the vehicle owners register the vehicle in another class. Such vehicles could not be registered as historic vehicles for at least two years.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would use the existing registration and inspection systems in place for motor vehicles. No additional funds or staff time is required to implement its provisions.