

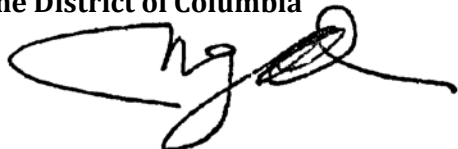
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Philip H. Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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

**DATE:** October 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Assault of Bicyclists Prevention Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 19-475– Draft Committee Print Shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 24, 2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill entitles a bicyclist, who is the victim of assault or battery by a motorist, or has suffered physical injury or property damage, to be compensated for reasonable attorney’s fees and actual damages up to \$2,000 in a civil action.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. According to Metropolitan Police Department statistics, the District averaged 540 bicycle crashes in 2010 and 2011. The ability to recover costs and receive damages will lower a potential financial barrier for bicyclists to bring civil action against a motorist and will likely result in increased civil proceedings at DC Courts. The Office of Revenue Analysis is unable to determine how many additional cases could be brought to court, but any additional cases would impact the operations of DC Courts which is funded by the Federal Government.