


Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Fitzroy Lee  
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**DATE:** April 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Department of Motor Vehicles Emergency  
Extension of Deadlines Amendment Act of 2021

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on April 6, 2021

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has the flexibility to delay certain deadlines, without penalty, during times when the District government or DMV are closed due to an emergency or administrative closure.<sup>1</sup> The deadlines that are currently eligible for delay are the adjudication or payment of a notice of infraction; renewing a vehicle registration, driver's license, or driver's permit; or passing a vehicle inspection.

The bill expands the services eligible for delays during a disruption of government services to include new vehicle registrations, new driver's licenses, or new driver's permits.<sup>2</sup> The bill also expands the situations when DMV can provide these deadline extensions to include any major disruption of DMV's operations.

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Motor Vehicles Extension of Deadlines Amendment Act of 2016, effective February 18, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-203; D.C. Official Code 50-901).

<sup>2</sup> Including learner's permits.

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DMV has delayed certain deadlines during the current public health emergency<sup>3</sup> while also significantly expanding the services that can be executed online. DMV can offer extensions for the new documents and the expanded conditions under which DMV can offer extensions within the agency's existing budgeted resources.