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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Funeral Directors Licensing Reform
Amendment Act of 2026

REFERENCE: Bill 26-47, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on June 18, 2026

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Board of Funeral Directors (Board) regulates licensed funeral directors and funeral home establishments operating in the District. The Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) provides administrative support to the Board. The bill modifies¹ and updates several provisions of law related to funeral director licensing. Specifically, the bill:

- Establishes definitions related to the practice of funeral directing and embalming;
- Modifies the requirements for a funeral director's license;
- Creates an embalmer's license;
- Modifies requirements for a funeral directing or embalming apprenticeship;
- Revises supervision requirements for embalming and funeral director apprentices;
- Incorporates the practice of embalming into provisions relating to fraud and grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of license; and

¹ By amending The District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, effective May 22, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-84; D.C. Official Code § 3-401 et seq.).

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FIS: "Funeral Directors Licensing Reform Amendment Act of 2026," Bill 26-47, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 18, 2026

- Reorganizes and updates the composition of the Board of Funeral Directors to a seven-member Board.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2026 budget and proposed fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Board and DCLP can establish an embalmer's license and update certain provisions pertaining to the practice of funeral directing without additional resources. There is also no cost to add two additional seats to the Board, as DLCP can provide administrative support with current resources.