


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



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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:** November 15, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Ghost Gun Clarification Emergency and  
Temporary Amendment Acts of 2021

**REFERENCE:** Draft Introductions as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on  
November 15, 2021

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the emergency and temporary bills.

**Background**

District law prohibits the possession and registration of ghost guns<sup>1</sup> as well as the manufacture of firearms, destructive devices, and ammunition. The emergency and temporary bills clarify<sup>2</sup> the definition of ghost guns to prohibit only undetectable and untraceable firearms while permitting the self-manufacture of serialized registered firearms made solely for personal use.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the emergency and temporary bills. The District already enforces a ban on ghost guns and clarifying the definition of what qualifies as a ghost gun has no cost. The Metropolitan Police Department can register self-manufactured serialized firearms with current staff and resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Ghost guns are firearms that are undetectable and untraceable.

<sup>2</sup> By amending The Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective September 24, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Official Code § 7-2501.01 et seq.).