

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Marriage License Issuance Amendment Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Bill 20-461, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 13, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill eliminates the three day waiting period to obtain a marriage license from the time the application is filed.¹ The bill also aligns the financial penalty for the violation of any marriage premarital examination requirements² to conform to the Criminal Fine Proportionality Amendment Act of 2012.³

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Marriage Bureau, which can absorb the additional burden associated with the bill, is housed within the DC Courts system which is federally funded. There is no impact on the District's budget.

¹ The bill also repeals a related provision whereby a license could be immediately issued at the request of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

² Act to require premarital examinations in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 959; D.C. Official Code § 46-417 *et seq.*).

³ Effective June 11, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-317; D.C. Official Code § 22-357.01).