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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Residential Tranquility Amendment Act of 2025

**REFERENCE:** Bill 26-189, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on May 27, 2025

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill makes<sup>1</sup> permanent temporary legislation<sup>2</sup> that restricts the targeting of a residence for purposes of a demonstration. Specifically, the bill:

- Prohibits the use of sound amplifying devices between 7 pm and 9 am in Residential Zones, Residential Flat Zones, or Residential Apartment Zones;
- Establishes an offense if individuals continue targeting a residence after being instructed by law enforcement to cease;
- Prohibits leaving or operating unattended sound amplifying devices emitting unreasonably loud noise that is likely to annoy or disturb persons in their residences; and
- Prohibits individuals from launching or throwing projectiles onto a residential property with the intent to cause fear, intimidate, or harass a person living there.

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<sup>1</sup> By amending The Residential Tranquility Act of 2010, effective May 26, 2011 (D.C. Law 18- 374; D.C. Official Code § 22-2751 et seq.).

<sup>2</sup> Residential Tranquility Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, effective from April 18, 2025, expires on November 29, 2025. (D.C. Law 25-0323).

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If a law enforcement officer discovers an unattended sound amplifying device that is emitting sound at a residence, the officer must make reasonable efforts to locate the owner and may immediately seize and impound the device if the owner or operator cannot be identified. Any device seized a second time will be treated as contraband and must be destroyed.

The bill also sets<sup>3</sup> the term expiration date for Council appointments to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) as December 7 of the year in which the term expires.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The Metropolitan Police Department can implement the prohibitions on the use of sound amplifying devices and the prohibition on launching or throwing projectiles at residential properties with existing resources. There is no cost to change the term expiration date for Council appointments to the CIC.

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<sup>3</sup> By amending Section 11201a(b)(2) of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, effective October 2, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-233; D.C. Official Code § 24-101.01(b)(2)).