

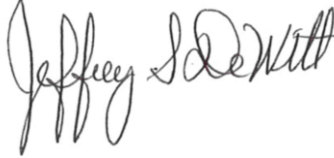
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: November 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Service Animal in Training Clarification
Amendment Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-487, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on November 3, 2020

Conclusion

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

Background

The bill expands¹ the definition of service animal in training to clarify that the owner of the animal may also serve as the accompanied trainer of that animal. The bill also allows trainers and owners of service animals in training to have the same access to public space as a person with physical or mental disabilities that uses a trained service animal. This allows a service animal in training to learn and acquire the necessary skills to assist its owner in everyday activities.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. No resources are required to implement the bill. Owners of service animals can train their animals and access public spaces without impacting the District's finances.

¹ By amending An Act To enable the blind and otherwise physically disabled to participate fully in the social and economic life of the District of Columbia, approved October 21, 1972 (86 Stat. 970; D.C. Official Code § 7-1001 et seq.).