

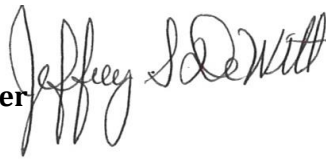
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** October 23, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Specialty License Plate Amendment Act of 2020

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-666, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 13, 2020

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**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

The bill requires the Mayor to design, and offer for issuance, three new specialty vehicle identification tags. Any resident who chooses one of the tags will need to pay a one-time application fee of \$25 and an annual display fee of \$20.

The first two tags will celebrate two of the District's championship teams: the 2019 Washington Mystics Women's National Basketball Association champions and the 2019 Washington Nationals Major League Baseball World Series champions. The Mayor must design these tags and deposit any application and display fees into the District's General Fund. The third tag should be one that displays the phrase "End Gun Violence" and demonstrates support for ending gun violence in the District. The Mayor must design this tag and deposit any application and display fees into the Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Fund.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016, effective June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125; D.C. Official Code § 7-2413).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Mayor can design and offer for issuance the tags within the District's existing budgeted resources. The Mayor will need to work with the Washington Mystics and the Washington Nationals organizations to obtain the necessary permissions to use Mystics and Nationals trademarked logos or other images. The Department of Motor Vehicles can also absorb any implementation costs associated with requests for these tags.

There are over 300,000 active tags in the District, but the number of residents who are willing to pay an additional fee for and register their vehicles with the Washington Mystics, Washington Nationals, or End Gun Violence tags is unknown. Any revenues associated with the Washington Mystics and Washington Nationals tags will be deposited into the District's General Fund, while revenues from the End Gun Violence tags will be deposited into the special purpose revenue Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Fund. The Mayor must initiate a budget action to expend any new revenues.