

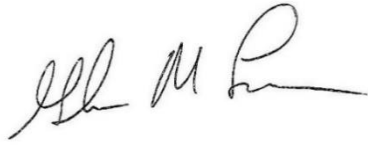
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Notarial Acts Clarification Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 25-792, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 8, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill removes the requirement¹ that notarial officers must be able to read and write in the language in which a notarized document is written. However, it permits notarial officers to refuse to notarize a document written in a language they do not understand or require a signer to provide a certified translation.

The bill requires that notarial officers can read or understand the language in which the certificate of notarial act is written, but not necessarily the language of the document being certified.

Lastly the bill clarifies that required training for notarial officers must be approved by the Mayor, but not necessarily provided by the Mayor.

¹ D.C. Official Code § 1-1231.19(d)(4).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill changes the requirement that notaries public must follow, but does not impact the budget of the Office of Notary Commissions and Authentications.