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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

July 30, 2009

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement – "Limousine and Tour Operator

Amendment Emergency Act of 2009"

REFERENCE:

DRAFT- No Bill Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend, on an emergency basis, Section 1216 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to increase the annual fee for an inter-jurisdictional limousine permit¹ from \$200 to \$400 and provide that \$200 from each annual fee be used to enforce the provisions of the permit.² It would also authorize the Mayor to establish a new fee schedule for tour bus operators; require that any fee increases under this schedule be no greater than 10 percent for D.C. operators and no less than 25 percent for non-D.C. operators; and direct

Any person who would be required to obtain a limousine for hire vehicle permit pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 50-313 may, in place of the permit, be issued an inter-jurisdictional limousine permit; provided that the person satisfies the conditions for the issuance of an inter-jurisdictional permit and the transportation provided by such person complies with the provisions of this section. (Section 1216.1 of Title 31 of DCMR.)

² Such provisions include requiring that vehicle owners with an inter-jurisdictional limousine permit pick-up passengers on a pre-arranged basis only and not pick-up and discharge the same passengers within the District except under certain conditions.

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all revenues from the fee increases to the Department of Parks and Recreation for environmental education programs.³

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Increasing the inter-jurisdictional permit fee would result in a net revenue increase of \$14,960 in FY 2010 and \$69,429 over the FY 2010 through FY 2013 period. These funds would be deposited into the Local General Fund.

Estimated Revenue Increase from Increasing the Inter-jurisdictional Limousine Permit Fee					
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Four Year Total
Increase in Permit Revenue ^a	\$14,960	\$16,456	\$18,102	\$19,912	\$69,429

^a This assumes a 10 percent yearly growth in permits from the FY 2009 year-to-date amount of 68. This is conservative given recent trends.

It is not possible to estimate the revenue impact of the new fee schedule, as it has yet to be determined.

³ The subtitle does not specify where the money from the fees would be deposited or whether they would be used for a specific purpose. Generally these fees are deposited into the Local General Fund.