

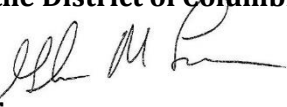
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** October 20, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Ignition Interlock System Program  
Amendment Act of 2022

**REFERENCE:** Bill 24-837, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on October 17, 2022

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires District resident motor vehicle operators who commit certain covered offenses<sup>1</sup> in the District or certain other states<sup>2</sup> to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program (Program). Operators participate in the Program for a defined period depending on whether it is a first or subsequent offense. Individual operators are required to pay the Program costs unless DMV determines that they are indigent, in which case DMV will cover the Program costs. DMV issues Program participants a restricted license during their time in the Program, which details the conditions of their participation.

The bill expands required Program participation to include offenses occurring in additional locations such as international and military locations and offenses to include a District resident operator's

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<sup>1</sup> Covered offenses include driving under the influence of alcohol or a drug (D.C. Official Code §§ 50-2206.11, 50-2206.12) and driving while impaired (D.C. Official Code § 50-2206.14).

<sup>2</sup> Includes states that are members of The Council of State Government's Driver License Compact (<https://apps.csg.org/ncic/Compact.aspx?id=56>).

refusal to submit to a chemical test for alcohol or drug content (occurring in the District or any other jurisdiction with a similar testing requirement).<sup>3</sup> The bill establishes that an operator who refuses a required chemical test participate in the Program for one year if they have not previously refused a chemical test or committed another covered offense; two years if they have previously refused a test or committed a covered offense; or three years if they have previously refused two or more tests or committed two or more covered offenses. If they concurrently committed another covered offense that may otherwise require shorter Program participation, then they are subject to the longer participation requirement associated with refusing a required chemical test. The bill allows the District to suspend an operator's driver's license if they fail to enroll in the Program.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs associated with expanding the locations or offenses that require participation in the Program.

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<sup>3</sup> Comprehensive Impaired Driving and Alcohol Testing Program Amendment Act of 2012, effective April 27, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-266; D.C. Official Code § 50-1904.02).