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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: September 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Sporting Events Tobacco Products
Restriction Amendment Act of 2016

REFERENCE: Bill 21-686, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 19, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill prohibits¹ the use of tobacco products² at all times in the entire physical area of a site that is designed for hosting organized sporting events,³ including all open, semi-open, and enclosed spaces and structures within the site. The owner, lessee, manager, operator, or person in charge of the event site is required to display signs stating “No use of Tobacco Products.” These signs must be visible to the public at every entrance to the sporting event site as well as all dugouts, bullpens, training rooms, locker rooms, team bench areas, spectator seating areas, bathrooms, press boxes, vendor areas, and television and radio broadcast booths. The bill also updates violation penalties to include athletic events sites and bans the defacing or removal of a “No Use of Tobacco Products” sign.

¹ By amending The District of Columbia Smoking Restriction Act of 1979, effective September 28, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-22; D.C. Official Code § 7-1701 et seq.).

² Cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, smokeless tobacco, electronic smoking devices or electronic nicotine delivery device, and other tobacco products.

³ Organize sporting events are defined in the bill as games or athletic competitions related to baseball, softball, football, basketball, ice hockey, field hockey, track and field, wrestling, boxing, lacrosse, or soccer, or any other event involving a game or athletic competition organized by a league or association of persons, including professional, amateur, youth recreational, and school sponsored leagues.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Sporting Events Tobacco Products Restriction Amendment Act of 2016," Bill 21-686, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 19, 2016.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Department of Parks and Recreation can absorb any costs associated with procuring and installing "No Tobacco Use" signs at District owned and operated organized sporting event sites.