Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Natwar M. Gandhi Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: January 31, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Title Insurance Clarification Amendment

Act of 2012"

REFERENCE: Draft Bill shared with OCFO on January 25, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed bill.

Background

The bill would amend multiple sections of the D.C. Official Code regarding the regulation of title insurance and health management organizations ("HMOs") in the District to define the terms "Business entity" and "Individual" and to make clarifications and technical changes. Section 2 of the bill would amend the Title Insurance Producer Act of 2010¹ to establish minimum levels of insurance that title insurance producers must carry. Section 3 of the bill would amend the Title Insurance Insurer Act of 2010² to give the Commissioner of Insurance approval authority over policy forms filed with the Commissioner. Section 4 of the bill would amend the Producer Licensing Act of 2002³ to change licensing and continuing education requirements. Section 5 of the bill would amend the Health Maintenance Organization Act of 1996⁴ to change net worth standards for HMOs operating in the District.

¹ D.C. Law 18-223; D.C. Official Code § 31-5041.01 *et seq.*, effective September 24, 2010.

² D.C. Law 18-223; D.C. Official Code § 31-5031.01 *et seg.*, effective September 24, 2010.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ D.C. Law 14-264; D.C. Official Code § 31-1131.01 et seq., effective March 27, 2003.

⁴ D.C. Law 11-235; D.C. Official Code § 31-3412, effective April 9, 1997.

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FIS: "Title Insurance Clarification Amendment Act of 2012," as shared with the OCFO on January 25, 2012.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan. The Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking can absorb any costs associated with implementation of these changes.