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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

SEP 18 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and enactment by the Council is the "Parks and Recreation License Plate Establishment Act of 2017."

If enacted, the proposed legislation will authorize the Mayor to create a license plate that celebrates the rich history of programs and services offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The legislation also permits the Department of Motor Vehicles to disseminate the Parks and Recreation license plates and collect the associated fees from users. These fees will be used by the DPR to revitalize facilities and increase access to summer camps for low-income youth.

Since 1989, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation has provided the community with a diverse set of economic, health and leisure programming. This programming has promoted healthy living, provided a safe space for the youth to relax and offered countless Washingtonians a roadmap to inclusive prosperity. This legislation embodies the DPR spirit by promoting these essential public programs in a manner that also directly gives back to the people of Washington, DC.


I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over a vertical line that extends from the word "Sincerely,".

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

Enclosures

  
Chairman Philip Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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5 A BILL  
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10 THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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14 Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following bill, which was  
15 referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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17 To amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to authorize the issuance of Parks and  
18 Recreation identification tags; to establish display fees for Parks and Recreation  
19 identification tags; to require Parks and Recreation identification tags fees to be deposited  
20 in the Recreation Enterprise Fund to be used to provide programs and services at District  
21 of Columbia Parks and Recreation facilities.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
24 act may be cited as the "Parks and Recreation License Plate Establishment Act of 2017".

25 Sec. 2. Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17,  
26 1937 (50 Stat. 673; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

27 (a) A new section 2e is added to read as follows:

28 "Sec. 2e. Issuance of Parks and Recreation Identification Tags

29 "(a) The Mayor may design and make available for issue, one or more, Parks and  
30 Recreation motor vehicle identification tags to enhance the public's awareness of the District's  
31 diverse economic, health, and leisure programming at local parks and recreation centers.

32 "(b)(1) A resident ordering a Parks and Recreation tag shall pay a one-time application  
33 fee and a display fee each year thereafter. The application fee shall be \$25 and the display fess  
34 shall be \$20, or other amounts as may be established by the Mayor by rule.

35           "(2) The application fee and annual display fee shall be deposited in the Recreation  
36 Enterprise Fund, established by Section 4 of the Recreation Act of 1994, effective March 23,  
37 1995 (D.C. Law 10-246; D.C. Official Code § 10-303(a)).".

38           (b) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.03) is amended as follows:

39           (1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (I) to read as follows:

40           "(I) Any person ordering a parks and recreation identification tag shall pay the  
41 fees as set forth in § 50-1501.02e(b)(1).".

42           (2) Subsection 3(d) is amended as follows:

43           (A) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the word "and" at the end.

44           (B) Paragraph (6) is amended by striking the period at the end, inserting a  
45 semicolon in its place, and adding the word "and" after the semicolon.

46           (C) A new paragraph (7) is added to read as follows:

47           "(7) The fees collected for parks and recreation motor vehicle identification tags  
48 under section 2c shall be deposited into the Recreation Enterprise Fund, established by Section 4  
49 of the Recreation Act of 1994, effective March 23, 1995 (D.C. Law 10-246; D.C. Official Code §  
50 10-303(a)).".

51           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

52           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact  
53 statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
54 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206(c)(3)).

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56           Sec. 4. Effective date.

57           This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
58 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
59 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
60 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
61 Columbia Register.


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



Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** September 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Parks and Recreation License Plate  
Establishment Act of 2017

**REFERENCE:** Draft bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 6,  
2017

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill authorizes the Mayor to issue one or more vehicle tags that enhance the public's awareness of the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) diverse economic, health, and leisure programming at parks and recreation centers. Residents must pay a \$25 application fee and a \$20 annual display fee for the tag. The District will deposit the application and display fees into the Recreation Enterprise Fund.<sup>1</sup>

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DPR will design the tag and can absorb any associated costs within its existing budget. The Department of Motor Vehicles can also absorb any implementation costs associated with requests for the new tag.

There are over 300,000 active vehicle tags in the District, but the number of residents who are willing to pay an additional fee for and register their cars with the new DPR tag is unknown. Any revenues associated with the new tags will be deposited into the Recreation Enterprise Fund and

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<sup>1</sup> Recreation Act of 1994, effective March 23, 1995 (D.C. Law 10-246; D.C. Official Code § 10-303(a)).

**The Honorable Phil Mendelson**

**FIS: "Parks and Recreation License Plate Establishment Act of 2017," Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 6, 2017**

**help support DPR properties and programming across the District. The Mayor must initiate a budget action in order to spend any new revenues.**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KARL A. RACINE

Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lolita S. Alston  
Director  
Office of Legislative Support

**FROM:** Janet M. Robins  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division

**DATE:** September 6, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Legal Sufficiency Review of the "Parks and Recreation License Plate  
Establishment Act of 2017"  
(AE-17-484B)

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**This is to Certify that** this Office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and that we have found it to be legally sufficient.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

  
Janet M. Robins