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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

SEP 16 2019

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 506
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is proposed legislation entitled the "Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2019".

In support of Vision Zero, this legislation would strike the distracted driving provision relating to not issuing points unless it contributes to an accident.

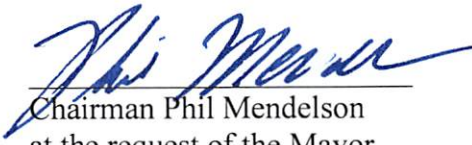
If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Gabriel Robinson, Acting Director, Department of Motor Vehicles at (202) 727-2200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over a printed name.

Muriel Bowser

Enclosure


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004 by repealing the provision that exempts a violation of the act from the assessment of points unless the violation contributes to an accident.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Section 6(b) of the Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004, effective March 30, 2004 (D.C. Law 15–124; D.C. Official Code § 50–1731.06(b)), is amended by striking the phrase “; provided, that no points shall be assessed for a violation of this act that does not contribute to an accident”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as

35 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
36 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
37 Columbia Register.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



ATTORNEY GENERAL
KARL A. RACINE

Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM


TO: Alana Intrieri
Executive Director
Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs

FROM: Brian K. Flowers
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: June 24, 2019

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Bill, the “Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2019”
(AE-19-095)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft bill and found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Brian K. Flowers

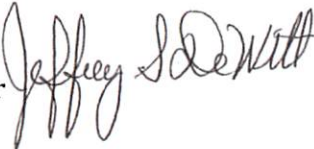
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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: June 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 18, 2019

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Currently, any motor vehicle operator who violates the District's distracted driving laws cannot be assessed driving record points for the violation unless the violation contributes to an accident.¹ The bill eliminates this stipulation and allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to assess points for distracted driving violations.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DMV can absorb any costs associated with assessing points for distracted driving violations within its existing budget.

¹ Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004, effective March 30, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-124; D.C. Official Code § 50-1731.06(b)).