


Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

AN AMENDMENT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Offered By: Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

Title: Bill 20-0409, the "Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Amendment Act of 2014"

Version: ☐ Introduced
☐ Draft Committee Print
☐ Committee Print
☒ First Reading
☐ Amended First Reading
☐ Engrossed
☐ Enrolled
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1. Sec. 103 Page 3 Line 20 is amended as follows:

Insert a new Section 104 to read as follows:

"Sec. 104. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund.

"(a) There is established as a special fund, the Substance Abuse Prevention Fund, ("Fund"), which shall be administered by the Department of Behavioral Health in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

"(b) The Fund shall consist of revenue from the payment of fines pursuant to section 103 of this act.

"(c) The Fund shall be used for substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts.

"(d)(1) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year, or at any other time.

"(2) Subject to authorization by Congress, any funds appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation."

Explanation and Rationale

Fines collected as a result of drug possession and smoking should be used for prevention, treatment and recovery efforts.

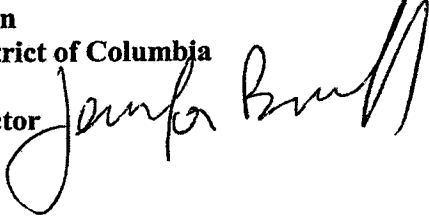
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

FROM: Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director 

DATE: January 23, 2014

SHORT TITLE: B20-409, "Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Amendment Act of 2014"

TYPE: Amendment

REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Yvette Alexander

Conclusion

This amendment will not have an adverse impact on the District's budget and financial plan because there is no additional cost associated with this amendment.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer issued a fiscal impact statement for the underlying bill on January 15, 2014, in which the CFO concluded that the costs associated with implementing the decriminalization of Marijuana possession would primarily be the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) who can implement the bill with their existing resources. This amendment does not change the fiscal effect of the underlying measure.

Background

This amendment would create a new, non-lapsing, special fund, the Substance Abuse Prevention Fund to be administered by the Department of Behavioral Health for the collection of any civil fines imposed by section 103 of the legislation. Any funds collected would be used for substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts undertaken by the Department of Behavioral Health.

Analysis of Impact on Spending

This amendment will not adversely impact spending.