

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Licenses to carry concealed weapons		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 675 creates a procedure by which a person may apply to a county sheriff for a license to carry a concealed weapon. The Department of Justice is to design the license document issued by the sheriffs and it is to be tamper proof and be produced using the same or similar equipment as used by the Department of Transportation to issue Wisconsin driver's licenses.

The Department of Justice has been asked to provide local and state costs for this new licensing program. Below are the cost breakouts for the local and state portions.

Local Costs:

To arrive at the local costs, the Department had to make some assumptions. The bill allows for each sheriff to issue the concealed weapons license. This estimate reflects the maximum cost possible but also reflects cost per sites. Based on the experience of the Department of Corrections with their tamper proof ID card system, we estimate that the following equipment would be needed for each site for which a license would be sold: personal computer, keyboard, mouse, Sensor Mast (digital camera), Eltron P500 card printer, license application software, equipment desk. Total equipment cost per site estimate: \$32,000.

Personnel. We estimate that Sheriff Departments would have to train either deputy sheriffs or desk clerks to process each license application. Sheriff's Department personnel costs associated with this program include training on the equipment, processing the applications, taking photographs, issuing licenses, processing changes of address, reissuing lost or destroyed licenses, suspending or revoking previously issued licenses for those arrested for, charged with or convicted of a disqualifying arrest and filing the written answer for appeals for denials in circuit court and license expiration and renewal. Approximate time to complete these duties, on average is approximately 30 minutes. If we apply our average amount of license statewide (annual estimate of 30,000) multiplied by the average hourly wage of a desk clerk and/or a deputy sheriff (\$25), divided by the amount of counties, our final estimate for each county would be a 1/10 FTE. That cost would be approximately \$5000 per site.

Per site cost: Equipment \$32,000
Personnel \$ 5,000
\$37,000
Statewide Local Costs: \$2,664,000

In all actuality, each county may have more or less volume, the counties may choose to go together to process the licenses, or the counties may refuse to issue and not incur the overhead costs. Again, this site cost is the average site cost if all counties had their own license-processing site.

State Costs: It is assumed that the Department of Justice would perform the following tasks: create a design for application forms and license documents, create a unique code number and unique identification number for each license issued, perform a firearms restriction record search and issue a unique approval or nonapproval for each applicant, receive a duplicate copy of each license applications form from the sheriff, maintain computerized record listing the names of all licensees along with information concerning each individual as provided to the department by the sheriff provide information concerning a specific individual who is a license holder to law enforcement under restricted circumstances.

Equipment costs:

Data Server and software licenses \$39,800
Programming (1000 hrs @\$70) \$70,000
Interface to TIME System (640 hrs @70) \$44,800
TOTAL Equipment Costs \$154,000

Personnel Costs

4 Criminal History Specialists Salary(\$21,000 each) \$126,000
Fringe Benefits (\$7226 per employee) \$ 43,200
2 Workstations for 4 employee (one-time) \$ 6,000
On-going costs (supplies and services) \$ 37,200
TOTAL Personnel Costs \$212,400
TOTAL DOJ Costs \$366,400

Revenue Generated:

The number of people who will choose to buy a license to carry a concealed weapon is unknown. Based on some other states experience, a conservative estimate may be 30,000 to 40,000 the first year and 20,000 each subsequent year. Below are the fees collected by the Sheriffs from each applicant.

License Revenue: Each license has the following costs

Fee set by sheriff not to exceed \$75 \$75
DOJ Firearms Restriction Search \$ 8
Shooting Range Improvement Fee \$15
Excellence Fund Fee \$15
Total \$113

Total Revenue (based on 30,000 applicants) \$3,390,000

However, the way the revenue is allocated, it will not cover the costs for the various entities. They break down as follows:

30,000 Licenses at maximum \$75 fee (to counties) \$2,250,000
30,000 DOJ Searches at \$8 \$ 240,000
30,000 Licenses at \$15 range fee (from sheriffs to DNR) \$ 450,000
30,000 Licenses at \$15 excellence \$ 450,000

This estimate is based on an average for each county. Some counties with the site overhead will be able to recoup their overhead costs at a quicker pace while other counties may not be able to recoup their entire costs at all depending on the volume they receive.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
Data Server \$39,800, Programming \$70,000, Interface to TIME System 44,800, 2 new workstations 6,000. Total costs \$204,600.		
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$169,200	
(FTE Position Changes)	(6.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	31,200	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$200,400	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS	200,400	
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS	240,000	
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$240,000	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$200,400	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$240,000	\$
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