

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number	01-0572/1	Introduction Number	SB-492	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Purchases and sales of handguns					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the maximum term of imprisonment for violations of the law which requires that federally licensed dealers must conduct criminal background checks on prospective buyers and must have the prospective buyer wait 48 hours before a purchase can be made.

Additionally the bill prohibits a gun sale or transfer unless one of the parties is a federally licensed firearms dealer or the sale is through a federally licensed firearms dealer or the firearm is being transferred by gift, bequest or inheritance to another family member and that family member is permitted to possess it. A person who intentionally violates any of these new provisions must be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 and may be imprisoned for not more than five years.

The bill also increase the the age at which a person may legally possess a handgun to 21 years of age.

This bill is likely to increase the amount of background checks that the department conducts but it is difficult to estimate how many sales this will involve. The department, however, requires a \$8 background check fee and will therefore be able to recover any additional expenses that it may incur.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications