

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-0569/4		Introduction Number AB-763	
Description Carrying a concealed weapon, possessing or transporting a firearm under certain circumstances, background checks for handgun purchases, photographic identification cards for retired law enforcement officers, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, providing an exemption from rule-making authority, and providing penalties			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGs			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 763 creates a procedure by which a person may apply to the DOJ for a license to carry a concealed weapon in most places. Under the bill, DOJ must issue a license to an applicant who meets the qualifications established of the bill. Furthermore, the bill requires DOJ to:

- Develop an application process including forms and a "tamper proof" permit.
- Conduct a background check.
- Establish a renewal, suspension, revocation and, appeal process.
- Maintain a computerized list of licensees.
- Develop an electronic interface with CCAP to notify DOJ of proceedings that will result in suspension/revocation of a license.
- Be notified of DUI offenses.

DOJ Assumptions

It is anticipated that DOJ will process approximately 30,000 applications the first year of operation. As a percentage of population, if the Wisconsin experience is similar to other states they will issue over 100,000 permits over a 3-5 year period. Experiences the first year of operation is necessary to predict future experience. To process the applications according to the proposed legislation and meet all of the requirements of the bill will require 4 FTE Criminal History Records Specialists and 2 Project Criminal History Records Specialists for a total of 6 additional staff the first year.

Additional Staff Cost

Criminal History Records Specialists

4 FTEs and 2 Project

Salary \$12.50/hr = \$25,988/yr X 6 = \$155,928

Fringe @ 38.99% = \$10,133 X 6 = \$60,798

One-time Supplies/Equipment @ \$10,850 X 6 = \$65,100

Total for six positions \$281,826

ID Card Equipment

The DOJ is required to issue "tamper proof" permits.

Equipment needed:

PC/Monitor @ \$3,000 X 6 = \$18,000

ID card printers @ \$8,000 X 2 = \$16,000

ID Software @\$1,000 X 6 = \$12,000

Supplies (Blank cards, printer ribbons, etc) \$10,000

Total for ID card process \$56,000

IT Development Costs

It is assumed that the Department of Justice would perform the following tasks based on the requirements of

the bill:

Tasks

- Create a design for application forms
- Create a design for license documents
- Create a unique code number and unique identification number for each license issued
- Perform a firearms restriction record search
- Issue a unique approval or non-approval for each applicant
- Maintain computerized record listing the names of all licensees
- Provide information concerning a specific individual who is a license holder to law enforcement under restricted circumstances

Estimates to design and establish a computerized method of capturing, storing and releasing this information are as follows:

Equipment

Data server and software licenses \$129,000
3-years Oracle support \$29,000
Redundant web server and software licenses \$95,000

Development

Programming (1000 hours @ \$75) \$75,000
TIME Interface (640 hours @ \$200) \$128,000

Total IT Cost \$456,000

Total Startup/First Year Costs \$793,826

It should also be noted, that the bill allows a person to appeal the department's denial of an application, suspension or revocation of a license, or denial of certification as an instructor to the circuit court. As drafted, the bill includes a number of potential discretionary determinations to be made, without corresponding standards. If the court overturns the department's decision, the court shall order the department to pay the person all court costs and reasonable attorney fees. While it is difficult to know how many application denials, or license suspensions or revocations will be appealed, defending the department's decisions in court and paying the appellant's costs could have a significant fiscal impact on the department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications