



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 5/16/2011

LRB Number	<b>11-2033/2</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0126</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Carrying a concealed weapon; licenses authorizing persons to carry concealed weapons; possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances; disorderly conduct limitations; photographic identification cards for former law enforcement officers; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

District Attorneys provided varying points of view regarding the potential fiscal impact of this bill. Some believe that this bill would simplify the law and allow prosecutors to make a clear and simple charging decision. In addition, they stated that any increase in prosecutions for violating the restrictions will be offset by the reduction of referrals for concealed carry. The new law would also avoid the need for extensive investigation, including follow-up investigation which often occurs with these cases.

Other DAs believe this bill will increase prosecutors' workloads to verify the information relating to a defendant's license to carry, including mental health records (which requires a subpoena or search warrant to access); out-of-State employment records for current or ex-law enforcement officers (confidential outside Wisconsin, which will require court action in both States); medical records to determine if the defendant was intoxicated; prior criminal histories; etc.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

DAs were not in agreement regarding the long-term fiscal impact of this bill.