

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 5/17/2011

LRB Number	11-2033/2	Introduction Number	AB-0126	Estimate Type	Original
Description 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

This bill creates a system for the Dept. of Justice to issue licenses to carry certain concealed weapons. In addition, this bill will codify provisions of federal law that make the state concealed weapons prohibition inapplicable to active duty and former law enforcement officers and also require agencies to issue and renew certification cards to qualified former law enforcement officers who separated from service with those agencies. The cards must include a photograph of the former officer; a statement that the former officer has met certain standards for qualification to carry the types of firearm listed on the certification card; and must provide an expiration date of 12 months after the certification card is issued or renewed. A former officer, without a concealed carry license who carries a photographic ID from their former agency and certification card may only carry the type of firearm indicated on their certification card.

An employer may prohibit an employee from carrying a weapon in the course of the employee's employment, and the state may prohibit a licensee from carrying a firearm into a building that is owned, occupied, or controlled by the state. It would be a Class C misdemeanor if any person, while carrying a firearm, enters or remains in any part of a building that is owned, occupied or controlled by the state, if notified not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm. A person has received notification not to enter or remain in the building with a firearm if the signs are posted in a prominent place near all of the entrances stating the restriction and any individual entering the building can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

This bill also specifies that the restrictions on possessing a loaded uncased firearm in or on a vehicle or aircraft (other than commercial aircraft), as well as the discharge of a firearm do not apply to a former law enforcement officer or a person who holds a license to carry a concealed firearm under this bill, if the firearm is a handgun.

The DNR Bureau of Law Enforcement anticipates there will be some increase in complaints and incidents of individuals hunting from vehicles and roadways with handguns and shooting of wild animals, such as deer, by individuals possessing licenses issued under this bill which allow the license holder to possess loaded uncased handguns in vehicles and while shining wild animals.

The Department would expect to incur additional ongoing costs associated with completing background checks, providing firearms qualification testing and issuing photographic identification cards and maintaining a database of retired Conservation Wardens who request and are issued or denied such documentation, as authorized under this bill.

The DNR has approximately 200 former Conservation Wardens, and additional former Natural Resources Patrol officers and Forest Rangers who would be eligible to apply annually for a certification card to carry a concealed firearm under this bill. The DNR estimates that it would cost approximately \$50 per officer to determine their eligibility for a certification card created under this bill, created and distribute such cards and maintain a database of former officers issued certification cards. Assuming that one-half, or about 120 former officers apply annually, totals costs are estimated at \$6,000/year (120 former officers x \$50 = \$6,000).

Staff Costs

1/4 of an LTE training program associate position
salary \$15/hr = \$3,900/yr
fringe @ 27.23% = \$ 1,062/yr

Total salary & fringe = \$ 4,962, rounded to \$5,000

Photo Identification & Firearms Certification Card Materials, etc.

Ongoing supplies, cards, & equipment, mailing costs, etc. = \$ 1,038 /yr, rounded to \$1,000
(Estimating \$8.65 in supplies per former officer)

Additional Indeterminate Costs

With the changes made under this bill, it is not possible to estimate exactly what level of increase the Department will see in complaints that wardens will be required to respond to and investigate related to unlawful hunting from roadways and vehicles by individuals allowed to possess loaded uncased handguns in vehicles and while shining wild animals.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 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):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$5,000		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	1,000		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$6,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	6,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
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			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$6,000		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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