

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB10

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Anderson

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Fees for resident concealed handgun permits.

5. Summary: Eliminates fees that may be charged for the processing of an application or issuing of a resident concealed handgun permit, including the clerk of courts' costs associated with the consultation with law enforcement agencies. Under current law, total fees charged may not exceed \$50, including a \$10 fee for clerks of court, \$35 for local law enforcement agencies to cover the cost of background investigations, and \$5 to the Department of State Police (VSP) to cover its application processing costs. Current law waives this fee requirement in certain instances.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: State General Fund Revenue.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation eliminates any fees that may be charged for an application for a resident concealed handgun permit. Under current law, local law enforcement agencies may charge a fee not to exceed \$35 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation related to the application. This fee includes any amount assessed by the FBI for providing criminal history record information. Any potential fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

According to the Department of State Police (VSP), the agency processed 179,513 resident concealed handgun applications in calendar year 2020, and received a total of \$897,565 in application fees. VSP deposits these fees into the state treasury at the end of each fiscal year.

The Courts estimates a potential revenue loss of approximately \$1,179,156 annually as a result of the provisions of this proposed legislation. Clerk's offices retain five percent of these revenues, which is used for office operational costs. The remainder is deposited into the state treasury.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies, Clerks of Court.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.