

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB924

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Batten

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Limitation on handgun purchases; exemptions; penalty.

5. Summary: Exempts federal law enforcement officers from the prohibition on purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) oversees the Commonwealth's Firearms Transaction Program, which includes determining an individual's eligibility to purchase a firearm. VSP does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Under current law, purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor, with certain exceptions. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. The proposed legislation may reduce the number of people sentenced to jail, or paying fines into the Commonwealth's Literary Fund. Any potential fiscal impact on local or regional jails or the Literary Fund is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.