

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB142

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron** Purkey

**3. Committee** Militia, Police and Public Safety

**4. Title** Criminal possession of black powder.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Make the sale of black powder used in the manufacture of explosives punishable as a Class I misdemeanor if a chemical tag is not included for purposes of identifying the powder.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** PRELIMINARY, see Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not known. Any fiscal impact would depend on the number of convictions. Any increase in jail population due to the imposition of a Class I misdemeanor will increase costs to the state.

The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per inmate, per day basis varies from locality to locality. The estimated total state support for local jails per inmate, per day, averaged approximately \$30.94 in FY2000.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Compensation Board, local and regional jails.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration