

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB142

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1 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 1 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 FY 2000.

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