

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number**    **HB 167**

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron**            Albo

**3. Committee**    Passed both houses

**4. Title**            Carrying concealed weapons; penalty

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Adds machete to the list of those weapons that are illegal to carry on the person, hidden from observation.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** Final. See Item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The proposed legislation may have an impact on state-responsible (prison) beds, but the impact is likely to be small. Available data suggest that only a small portion of the convictions for carrying a concealed weapon involve a knife of some sort. Moreover, a first-time conviction for carrying a concealed weapon is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to 12 months in jail. Second and third convictions for concealed weapons, while punished as felonies, represent only a small fraction of the total convictions for concealed weapons. For these reasons, the impact of adding machetes to this statute is expected to be negligible.

Pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission states that the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

Department of Corrections; Local jails

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None.

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**cc:**            Secretary of Public Safety