

Department of State Police 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 215S1

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Concealed handguns; reciprocal agreements for permits with other states.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that an out-of-state concealed weapons permit authorizes the holder of the permit to carry a handgun in the Commonwealth if the permit-holder is at least 21 years of age. The bill allows recognition of the other state's permit even if the other state has a lower age requirement and permits weapons other than handguns. Virginia's age requirement (21 years) would apply, and the only weapon authorized while the permit-holder is in Virginia is a handgun.

The Bill also authorizes the Virginia State Police to issue non-resident permits and to charge a fee for same. Amends 18.2-308.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of State Police cannot determine the fiscal impact of this proposal since the number of applications from out-of-state residents is not known. However, any costs can be covered with the \$100 fee that can be charged for issuance of permits.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Since applicants will be out-of-state, this process will involve the mailing of an application, including fingerprints, to the Department of State Police. Information on the application can be posted on the Virginia State Police website for downloading. Information gathered from the application will be entered into the State Police concealed Handgun Permit database, as it is presently done for all permits issued in Virginia. A concealed handgun permit will be issued to the applicant upon successful completion of a background check, as it is now done for retired state police law enforcement officers. Information from fingerprint cards will be stored and housed in the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

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