

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB660

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 Stolle

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Weapons; prohibits carrying in an air carrier airport terminal.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that it is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to possess or transport into any air carrier airport terminal in the Commonwealth any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind, (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon and (iii) any other dangerous weapon, including explosives, tasers, stun weapons and those weapons specified in subsection A of §18.2-308. This prohibition does not apply to law-enforcement officers or a ticketed passenger who transports a lawful firearm into or out of an air carrier airport terminal to check the firearm with his luggage or retrieve the firearm from the baggage claim area.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: (Final) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

Anyone convicted of a Class I misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500. According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, not enough information is available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds the majority of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. According to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2002), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$29.80 per inmate, per day in FY 2002.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local courts, Compensation Board

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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