

## Department of State Police 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2588H1

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

**2. Patron**        Janis

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

**4. Title**            Certification of machine gun transfer and registration.

**5. Summary/Purpose: Certification of machine gun transfer and registration.** Names the Superintendent of the Department of State Police as chief law-enforcement officer for purposes of certifying applications for the transfer and registration of machine guns. Federal law requires that the applications be certified by a chief law-enforcement officer.

**6. No Fiscal Impact (or)**  
**Fiscal Impact Estimates are:**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	0	0	
2007-08	\$31,776,167	216	General
2008-09	\$19,101,643	216	General
2009-10	\$30,009,506	216	General
2010-11	\$20,264,932	216	General
2011-12	\$20,872,879	216	General
2012-13	\$31,833,879	216	General

**7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes**

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill will require the Superintendent to certify all transfers and registrations of weapons required to be certified pursuant to the National Firearms Act, 26 USC Chapter 53. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms requires the ATF Forms 1, 4 and 5 be completed by the chief law enforcement officer, a state or local District Attorney, the head of the State Police or other person whose certification is acceptable to the BATF Director. The language on each form requires the certifier to state that there is “no information indicating that the transferee will use the firearm or device as prescribed on this application for other than lawful purposes.” It also certifies that there is “no information that the receipt or possession of the firearm or device would place the transferee in violation of State or local law.” To be able to attest to these facts, a minimum of neighborhood or reference interviews and a check of local law enforcement for offenses that are not reportable to the State Police (non-jailable offenses) will need to be performed. It is estimated that a minimum of 32 hours will need to be expended for each application. In 2006, there were 12,839 machine gun, short barrel shotgun, short barrel rifle, silencer, or any other weapon or

destructive device applications. For each month, there are a total of 1,070 applications X 32 hours each = 34,240 hours per month for all applications. With an average work month of 176 hours, this bill will require 194 troopers to complete the investigations for certification. With a ratio of at least 15 to 1 trooper to supervisor, an additional 12 sergeant positions will be required. For a ratio of 30 to 1 for clerical support, an additional 7 office services assistants will be required, along with 3 program support technicians.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of State Police

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The costs per mid-range trooper II position is calculated using the following formula: Year one costs equal \$150,294, year two \$88,940, and year three, \$141,777 per trooper. There would be a vehicle replacement every third year, and estimated 3% salary increase each year thereafter. The costs for sergeant's positions would be \$172,758 for year one, \$111,404 year two, and 164,915 year three. There would also be a vehicle replacement every third year, and estimated 3% salary increase each year thereafter. Office services assistants are calculated on costs for year one, \$54,122, year two 49,722, year three \$51,213. There would be an estimated 3% salary increase each year. Program support technicians are calculated on costs for year one, \$55,727, year two \$54,127, and year three \$55,750. There would also be an estimated 3% salary increase each year.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety