

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB827

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Devolites Davis

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Transfer of firearms; criminal records check; penalties.

5. Summary/Purpose: Adds a definition of “firearms show vendor” and requires that a criminal history record information check be performed on the prospective transferee before the vendor may transfer firearms at a gun show. Under current law, only licensed dealers must obtain such a check. The bill also adds the definition of “promoter” and requires that the promoter of a gun show provide vendors with access to licensed dealers who will conduct the criminal background check. The bill also provides that any party who sells, transfers, or trades a firearm shall be immune from all civil liability stemming from the use of the firearm sold, transferred, or traded in the commission of a crime if a criminal background check was conducted prior to the sale, transfer, or trade.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: PRELIMINARY; See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Department of State Police, additional resources will not be needed due to the passage of this proposal. The department currently conducts background checks for gun dealers at these shows and they do not believe that there will be a significant increase in the number of transactions. Further, if this proposal passes, it is expected that the majority of non-dealers will not sell guns at these shows.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety