

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1166

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Criminal records check; purchase of firearms.**

5. Summary: Increases the fee paid to firearms dealers for criminal history record information checks from \$2 to \$5 for Virginians and from \$5 to \$8 for persons living out-of-state. The bill also provides that data and forms submitted to and maintained by the Department of State Police for such criminal history checks and purchases may not be inspected by the public.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	0	
2010	\$620,670	0201
2011	\$620,670	0201
2012	\$620,670	0201
2013	\$620,670	0201
2014	\$620,670	0201
2015	\$620,670	0201

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 419

8. Fiscal Implications: According the Department of State Police, this fee increase is needed for the State Police firearms program to be self sufficient. The purpose of this fee is to fully support the department's firearms program costs. However, the expenses of the program now exceed available revenue by almost \$200,000 each year. Also, a federal grant expires in June 2009 that currently supports four positions (\$258,000). The department can no longer supplant this activity with general fund dollars without impacting other public safety responsibilities. [Methodology: \$3 fee increase multiplied by 206,890 transactions per year (average from 2001 through 2007).]

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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