

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB940-ER

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

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Purchase of handguns; eliminate limitation on handgun purchases.

5. Summary: Eliminates the prohibition on purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate; Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the legislation could result in a decrease in the jail population since the proposal removes a Class 1 misdemeanor. With this removal, there could be fewer persons sentenced to jail since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2010 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2011), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$29.98 per state inmate, per day in FY 2010.

It cannot be determined what impact, if any, this proposal might have on revenues generated from firearm background checks by the Department of State Police.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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