

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2281

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ward

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

**4. Title:** Lost or stolen firearms; failure to report; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Any person who fails to report to law enforcement the theft or loss of a firearm he owns or lawfully possesses within 24 hours of being aware of the item being stolen is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and for any second or subsequent violations is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. 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 FY2011 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2012), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$26.54 per state inmate, per day in FY 2011.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local and regional jails.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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