

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1702ER

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

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Transfer, etc., of firearms from licensed dealer; criminal history record information.

5. Summary: The legislation provides that a licensed firearms dealer may perform a criminal history record information check before selling, renting, trading, or transferring any firearm owned by the dealer that is not in his inventory. The bill also directs the Department of State Police to establish policies and procedures for conducting such background checks. Current law requires that a dealer perform such a check only if the firearm is from the dealer's inventory.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 385. The Conference budget provided a minimum funding recommended for the implementation of this legislation.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	0	0.0	General Fund
2016	50,000	0.0	General Fund
2017	0	0.0	General Fund
2018	0	0.0	General Fund
2019	0	0.0	General Fund
2020	0	0.0	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposal would allow firearms dealers who are selling, renting, trading or transferring any firearm that is not part of their inventory to ask purchasers to consent to have the dealer obtain criminal history record information prior to the transfer of the firearm.

According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission's fiscal impact statement for the proposed legislation, the impact of the legislation on state-responsible (prison) space cannot be determined. In such cases, Chapter 3 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly Special Session I requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

The proposal also requires the Department of State (Department) to establish policies and procedures to conduct background checks. The legislation may result in fiscal impact on the

Department; however, the exact impact cannot be determined as it would depend on the volume of additional background checks and the research conducted pursuant to the provisions of this legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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