

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB 1683**

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

**2. Patron: Simon**

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

**4. Title: Carrying of certain firearms**

**5. Summary:**

Under current law, it is unlawful to carry a shotgun, capable of holding more than seven rounds, in public in designated cities or counties. Violation of the provision would be a Class 1 misdemeanor.

The proposed legislation would make it unlawful to carry any shotgun, as well as any rifle, in public in those designated jurisdictions and would add the city of Roanoke to the list of places where carrying such weapons would be prohibited.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8 below.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Ultimately, the presiding judge will decide if there is to be any time served in jail; however, 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 most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2016), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$32.82 per inmate, per day in FY 2015.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Cities	Counties
Alexandria	Arlington
Chesapeake	Fairfax

Fairfax	Henrico
Falls Church	Loudoun
Newport News	Prince William
Norfolk	
Richmond	
Roanoke	
Virginia Beach	

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 1/27/2017