

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1255

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Concealed carry without a permit.

5. Summary: Allows any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth. The bill also removes the requirement that such individuals demonstrate competency with a handgun prior to receiving a permit under subsection B of § 18.2-308.02.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, under existing law, the court, local law enforcement and the Department of State Police may each charge a fee for processing an application for a concealed handgun permit not to exceed \$50. The court collects \$10 for the processing of an application or issuing of a permit, the local law enforcement agency may charge a fee of not more than \$35 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation, and the Department of State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$5 to cover the cost associated with processing the application. For nonresident applications, the Department of State Police (VSP) accepts and processes each application. There is a \$100 fee associated with each nonresident application to cover the cost of the background check and issuance of the permit. All fees collected by the Department of State Police in the concealed handgun program are deposited into the general fund.

According to data from VSP, approximately 110,000 resident permits and 8,760 nonresident permits were issued in 2017. Total revenue for FY 2017 for both resident and nonresident permits was approximately \$1.4 million, which was subsequently deposited into the general fund. The proposed legislation would have negative impact to the general fund, however because the number of individuals who would be exempt from obtaining a permit under this proposal is unknown, the estimated revenue loss to the general fund cannot be determined at this time. VSP has estimated approximately \$1.4 million in concealed weapon permit revenue for FY 2018, with increases of approximately \$250,000 per year thereafter. VSP anticipates no fiscal impact on its operations as a result of this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies, and Courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB48.