

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1 S1

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

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Firearms; mechanical devices designed to increase rate of fire, penalty.

5. Summary: The substitute bill prohibits the manufacture, import, sale or offer to sell, possession, transfer, or transportation in the Commonwealth of a trigger activator, including a trigger crank or a bump-fire device, which is designed to increase the rate of fire of a semi-automatic rifle but does not convert such rifle into a machine gun. A violation is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

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 a large portion 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 2017), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$34.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2016.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and Regional jails, Courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None