

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB964

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: Jenkins

3. Committee: Public Safety

4. Title: Firearms; restoration of rights of persons convicted of violent felonies.

5. Summary: Current law allows any person prohibited from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm, ammunition for a firearm, or a stun weapon to petition the circuit court for a permit to possess or carry a firearm, ammunition for a firearm, or a stun weapon; however, no person who has been convicted of a felony is qualified to petition for such a permit unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. This bill provides that a person who has been convicted of an act of violence or a violent felony may not petition for a restoration order that unconditionally authorizes possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm, ammunition for a firearm, or a stun weapon until one year after his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. The bill further provides that if such person is convicted of a violent misdemeanor, after his civil rights have been restored, then he may not petition for such order until two years after the date of conviction. The bill defines violent misdemeanor to include stalking, sexual battery, assault and battery of a family or household, assault and battery, brandishing a firearm, any felony offense substantially to similar to the above offenses.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on state agencies. .

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit courts, Virginia State Police, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commonwealth's Attorneys.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None