

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB929

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

2. Patron: Batten

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Transfer of certain firearms; criminal history record information check; exemption.

5. Summary: Provides that persons who hold a federal firearms license as a collector of curios and relics (Type 03) are exempt from Virginia criminal history record information check requirements to purchase certain firearms.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 429.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) oversees the Commonwealth's Firearms Transaction Program, including running criminal history record information checks on prospective firearms purchasers. According to VSP, the agency's VCheck system, which is used by firearms dealers to run online instant background checks for individuals purchasing a gun, will need to be modified to comply with the provisions of the bill. Currently, VCheck reports both a Virginia criminal history record information check and a National Instant Criminal History Background Check (NICS) concurrently when an individual's name is entered into the system. VCheck will need to be modified so that when a Type 03 license holder's name is entered, the system only returns the NICS record. VSP estimates one-time costs of \$100,160 to perform these modifications.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.