

Department of State Police 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2588

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2. Patron Janis

3. Committee

4. Title Certification of machine gun transfer and registration.

5. Summary/Purpose: Certification of machine gun transfer and registration. Names the Superintendent of the Department of State Police as chief law-enforcement officer for purposes of certifying applications for the transfer and registration of machine guns. Federal law requires that the applications be certified by a chief law-enforcement officer.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Unknown

7. Budget amendment necessary: Unknown

8. Fiscal implications: Unknown

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: There are a total of approximately 2,400 federal machine gun registrations that occur annually in the Commonwealth. It is unknown how many other items there are that are required to be reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (such as bazookas, mortars, silencers). BATF requires that ATF Forms 1 and 4 be completed by the chief law enforcement officer, a state or local District Attorney, the head of the State Police, or other person whose certification is acceptable to the BATF Director. These forms are sent directly to the BATF. At present, the only federal registrations that are handled by the State Police Superintendent are ones in which the local officer has refused to certify. At best, there will be a loss in efficiency of certifications due to the forwarding of the forms to a central location and the investigation into determining whether or not a person is suitable for possessing a machine gun or other weapon as defined in the National Firearms Act.

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