

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB809

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Prohibition of sale, transfer, etc., of certain firearms magazines; fine.

5. Summary: Provides that any person, corporation, or other entity that manufactures, imports, possesses, purchases, sells, or transfers any large capacity magazine shall be subject to a \$250 fine. The bill provides for exceptions to the prohibition, including the owner's registration with the Department of State Police following a criminal history record information check. The willful or intentional making of a materially false statement on the consent form required by the processes required for a criminal history record information check will subject the person making such statement to a \$250 fine. The bill also provides that a registrant is limited to three large capacity magazines and must otherwise dispose of all magazines in excess of the limit. Finally, the bill outlines the registration process for anyone who owns a large capacity magazine.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$1,522,093	2	GF
2016	\$440,493	2	GF
2017	\$440,493	2	GF
2018	\$440,493	2	GF
2019	\$440,493	2	GF
2020	\$440,493	2	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require the Department of State Police (Department) to establish and maintain a new module to the Firearms System used by the fire arms dealers along with a new database for the large capacity magazines. In addition, a re-registration process will need to be added to this new module.

According to the Department, the proposed bill creates a fiscal impact to develop and maintain a new module and magazine registry systems. To establish the two databases would require additional staff resources to set up, operate, and maintain the registry as well as office space

associated with the new employees. The Department cannot absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this legislative proposal, and would request a full funding to support their efforts in anticipated activities.

Additionally, to establish these systems would require a minimum of 18 months of project work in order to document detailed system requirements, bid out the system specifications, procure the hardware and software, as well as develop, test and implement the system. The preliminary estimates of the one-time cost associated with development and engineering of the systems would be \$ \$1,080,000, with an annual ongoing cost of maintaining the systems estimated at \$245,000 to include software maintenance and system upgrades.

In addition, a full-time Technologist (programmer) position (at \$135,000 per year) would be needed in the IT department in order to maintain and support the new registry and perform ongoing maintenance and periodic software and hardware updates. The Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) within the Department would need one additional Office Service Specialists (\$62,093 the first year, and \$60,493 in subsequent years) to handle data entry and other functions associated with maintaining the magazine registry.

Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how much additional revenue could result from this proposed legislation due to a potential increase in fines paid. However, any fines collected under these provisions would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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