

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB915

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: Edwards

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Firearm transfers; penalties.

5. Summary: Creates a Class 3 misdemeanor for a person who is not a licensed dealer but who conducts business as a merchant of firearms to sell a firearm without a background check conducted by a federally licensed dealer. The bill exempts transfers to family members, to personal friends, by inheritance, by operation of law, or for a temporary purpose.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See below.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is not sufficient information to be able to estimate the potential additional number of background checks that may be conducted as a result of the proposed legislation. Therefore, the potential impact on the Department of State Police cannot be determined at this time.

The proposed legislation would create a Class 3 misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many fines will result from the proposed legislation; however, any revenues generated as a result of this proposal will be deposited into the Commonwealth Literary Fund.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.