

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB 1385**

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: Bell, Richard P.**

**3. Committee: House Courts of Justice**

**4. Title: Concealed handgun permit**

**5. Summary:**

Under current law, persons convicted of a felony offense are barred from obtaining a concealed handgun permit for 16 years following the date of the conviction or the individual's release from incarceration.

The proposed legislation would allow a person with a prior felony conviction to obtain a concealed handgun permit if his right to possess firearms had been restored. It would also shorten the disqualifying period after a conviction from 16 years to 10 years.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

The processing of concealed handgun permit applications involves the clerk of the circuit court; the local law-enforcement agency, which conducts a criminal background investigation; and the Virginia State Police, which provides records from the Criminal Records Exchange and enter the issued permit information into the Virginia Criminal Information Network. All entities involved in the processing and issuance of concealed handgun permits may charge the applicant fees, the total of which may not exceed \$50.

The legislation could result in an increase in the number of applications for a concealed handgun, thereby increasing the workload of circuit court clerks, local law enforcement, and the State Police, as well as the amount of fee revenue collected. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of additional applications that may be filed and the possible fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of State Police  
Circuit court clerks

Local sheriffs and police departments

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.