

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB161

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

**2. Patron:** McGuire

**3. Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Concealed handgun permits.

**5. Summary:** Allows any resident of the Commonwealth who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth. The bill also removes the requirement that such individuals demonstrate competency with a handgun prior to receiving a permit under subsection B of § 18.2-308.02.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, under existing law, the clerk, local law enforcement and the Department of State Police (VSP) may each charge a fee for processing an application for a concealed handgun permit not to exceed \$50. The court collects \$10 for the processing of an application or issuing of a permit, the local law enforcement agency may charge a fee of not more than \$35 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation, and VSP may charge a fee not to exceed \$5 to cover the cost associated with processing the application. The fee collected by VSP is deposited to the general fund.

The proposed legislation would waive the requirement for residents of the Commonwealth to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun, so long as they are otherwise qualified to carry a concealed weapon under current law. According to data from VSP, approximately 117,000 resident permits were issued in calendar year 2019. In calendar year 2019, the total revenue collected from resident concealed handgun permits was approximately \$585,000, which was deposited into the general fund. The number of individuals who would be exempt from obtaining a permit under this proposal is unknown, therefore, the estimated revenue loss to the general fund cannot be determined at this time.

The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies, Clerks of Court.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.