

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB192

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: Orrock

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Firearm purchases; proof of demonstration of competence with a firearm.

5. Summary: Provides that any person purchasing a firearm from a dealer shall demonstrate competence with a firearm as provided for elsewhere in the Code. The bill prohibits a firearms dealer from selling, renting, trading, or transferring from his inventory any firearm to a person until such person has provided proof that he has demonstrated competence with a firearm. Currently, only individuals who wish to obtain a concealed weapons permit are required to demonstrate competence with a firearm before receiving such permit.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require any individual who wishes to purchase a firearm from a dealer to provide the dealer with proof that the prospective buyer has demonstrated competence with a firearm. The bill prohibits dealers from selling, renting, trading, or transferring a firearm from their inventory to such person until they have been provided with proof of such competence. Currently, only individuals who wish to obtain a concealed weapons permit are required to demonstrate competence with a firearm before receiving such permit.

The bill provides that the same means by which a prospective concealed weapons permit holder may demonstrate competence be applied to prospective purchasers of firearms from dealers. These are provided for in § 18.2-308.02, and include: (a) a hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or a similar agency of another state; (b) a National Rifle Association (NRA) firearms safety or training course; (c) a firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public and provided by a law enforcement agency, an institution of higher education, or a private or public institution or organization or firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by the NRA or the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); (d) a law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special deputies, or other division or subdivision of law or security enforcement; (e) participation in an organized shooting competition, current military service, or proof of honorable discharge from any branch of the armed services; (f) having previously held a license to carry a concealed firearm in the Commonwealth or a locality thereof, unless such license has been

revoked for cause; (g) a firearms training or safety course or class, including an electronic, video, or online course, conducted by a state-certified or NRA-certified firearms instructor; (h) a governmental police agency firearms training course and the individual qualified to carry a firearm in the course of normal police duties; or (i) any firearms training which the appropriate court deems adequate.

The Department of State Police (VSP) currently performs background checks on any individual who wishes to purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer in the state. According to VSP, this proposed legislation is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on its operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.