

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB568

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: Helmer

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Carrying or storing firearms in motor vehicles and vessels; exceptions; penalty.

5. Summary: This bill requires any person possessing or storing a firearm in a motor vehicle or vessel to secure such firearm in a locked container, other than a glove box, that is not within the dominion and control of or readily accessible for prompt and immediate use by any person within the motor vehicle. The bill provides exceptions for law-enforcement officers, licensed security guards, military personnel in the performance of their lawful duties, or any person having a valid concealed handgun permit. A violation is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500. The bill also removes the current exception for carrying a concealed weapon for any person who may lawfully possess a firearm and is carrying a handgun while in a personal, private motor vehicle or vessel when such handgun is secured in a container or compartment in the vehicle or vessel.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A violation of the proposed legislation carries a civil penalty of up to \$2,500. The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state agencies.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None