

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2319H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Guzman

3. Committee: House

4. Title: Access to firearms; shared dwelling; civil penalty.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation provides that it is unlawful for any individual who resides or cohabitates with any person who such individual knows or has reason to believe is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm to allow such person access to any firearm.

Any individual in possession of a firearm must store such firearm in a manner that is inaccessible to such co-resident prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm, including storing such firearm locked, unloaded, or disassembled. If an individual violates any provision of this section and such co-resident uses such firearm during the commission of a crime, except for any crime committed against such co-habitant, such individual is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500.

Any resident in lawful possession of a firearm who carries such firearm on or about his person or exercises control of such firearm is not deemed in violation of this section.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state agencies. A violation of the bill is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$500. It is expected that the civil penalty assessed would be deposited into the State Treasury. However, there is not sufficient data to estimate the amount that would be collected and deposited into the State Treasury.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, and Clerks of Court.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None