

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1801

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Freitas

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Carrying a concealed handgun; permit not required.

5. Summary: Provides that any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to do so without a permit anywhere they may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current law, for a resident concealed handgun permit, applicants may pay a fee of up to \$50. Local law enforcement agencies may charge up to \$35 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation related to the application. This fee includes any amount assessed by the FBI for providing criminal history record information. Additionally, \$10 is paid to the Courts, and \$5 is paid to Virginia State Police (VSP) to cover their application processing costs. Clerk's offices retain five percent of these revenues, which is used for office operational costs. The remainder is deposited into the state treasury. For nonresident permits, the fee is \$100, which is collected by VSP and deposited into the treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

According to VSP, in calendar year 2022, the agency processed 115,309 resident concealed handgun applications and 2,872 nonresident applications. VSP reports that \$920,419 was deposited in calendar year 2022. However, The exact impact on these revenues as a result of this proposed legislation is indeterminate at this time.

Any potential fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Clerks, Courts, and local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB1393 and HB1420.