

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2298ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ware

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Carrying concealed weapons; exceptions; penalty.

5. Summary: The proposal amends § 18.2-308 (Carrying concealed weapons; exceptions; penalty) by removing switchblade knives from the list of concealed weapons the carrying of which is prohibited in public. Additionally, the proposal adds stiletto knives to the list of concealed weapons that are prohibited from being carried in public.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8).

8. Fiscal Implications: This proposal removes switchblade knives from the list of weapons that are prohibited from being concealed in public and adds stiletto knives. A violation of § 18.2-308 is punishable by a Class 1 misdemeanor. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the change in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any change in jail population will impact the costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2022), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$40.39 per inmate, per day in FY 2021.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, law enforcement agencies, local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.