

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB901

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Judiciary

**4. Title:** Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.

**5. Summary:** Provides that no person shall leave, place, or store a handgun in an unattended motor vehicle, as defined in the bill, unless the vehicle is locked and the handgun is secured in a locked container or locked compartment of the vehicle. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500 and such unattended motor vehicle may be subject to removal for safekeeping.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8).

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under the provisions of the proposal, any person who leaves, places, or stores any handgun in an unattended motor vehicle, unless such vehicle is locked and such handgun is secured in a locked container or locked compartment of such vehicle is punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$500. Proceeds of all fines and penalties collected for offenses committed against the Commonwealth are paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Literary Fund. The impact to the Literary Fund cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts; and Law enforcement agencies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.