

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 22 (Delegate Arnick)
Judiciary

Handgun Permits - Retired Law Enforcement Officers

This bill requires the Secretary of State Police to issue, without investigation or further action, a handgun permit to retired law enforcement officers who so apply within one year after retirement. An initial permit would be for a four-year period; permit renewals would be for three years.

The bill prohibits such a permit for an officer convicted of a serious crime, and requires an officer to notify the Secretary of any such charges or convictions. Violators are subject to permit revocation and maximum penalties of a \$1,000 fine and/or imprisonment for one year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate general fund revenue decrease due to the collection of fewer State handgun permit fees. An initial handgun fee is \$75 and the renewal fee is \$50. Although it is unknown how many retired police officers annually apply for handgun permits, the revenue decrease is assumed to be small. Disallowing investigations and actions relating to handgun permits, including State and federal criminal background checks, for retired police officers would not significantly affect the operations or finances of the State.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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