

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 408 (Senator Middlebrooks)
Judicial Proceedings

Handguns - Permits for Retired Law Enforcement Officers

This bill regulates the issue and renewal of handgun permits for retired law enforcement officers by: (1) specifying the qualifications to obtain the permit; (2) specifying restrictions on the permit; and (3) providing criminal penalties of a \$1,000 fine and/or incarceration for one year for violating the provisions of the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Under current law there is no charge for a handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers. General fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty due to increased payments to counties for reimbursement of inmate costs, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. People serving a sentence of 12 months or less are sentenced to a local detention facility. The State reimburses counties for part of the per diem rate after a person has served 90 days. State per diem reimbursements are estimated to range from \$10 to \$48 per inmate, depending upon the jurisdiction. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Expenditures: Expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$20 to \$96 per inmate in fiscal 1997. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

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