

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 60 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - State Police)

Judicial Proceedings

Handgun Permits - Exception - Law Enforcement

This departmental emergency bill adds District of Columbia police officers residing in Maryland to the list of law enforcement personnel exempt from requirements governing the wearing, carrying, or transporting of handguns. The bill also alters the current exemption applicable to sheriffs and sheriffs' deputies by clarifying that this exemption applies to sheriffs or full-time assistant or deputy sheriffs of Maryland, or temporary or part-time sheriffs' deputies.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could decrease by about \$35,000 annually. Expenditures would not be affected. Changes to the exemptions applicable to sheriffs and related positions codify current practices.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of State Police has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: There are currently about 1,400 D.C. police officers who are residents of Maryland and who register their handguns with the State Police. Approximately half of them must renew their permit annually at a cost of \$50. Accordingly, this bill would result in a decrease of \$35,000 (700 x \$50) in general fund revenue annually. Because this is an emergency bill, there may be a minimal revenue loss in fiscal 1998.

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