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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 339 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Prince George's County - Correctional Officers - Handgun Permits
PG 311-99

This bill includes documented cases of threats against current Prince George's County correctional officers or their immediate families in the definition of "good and substantial reason" for purposes of issuance of a permit to carry a handgun. The bill also exempts current Prince George's County correctional officers from fees for initial applications, renewals, subsequent applications, or duplicate or modified handgun permits.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Any potential revenue from handgun permit fees foregone under the provisions of this bill is not expected to be significant.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: There are currently 349 correctional officers in the county. It is not known how many of these officers may already have a handgun permit. In any case, applicants must also comply with other current law criteria, such as criminal history record checks, in order to receive a handgun permit.

Initial handgun application fees are \$75, and renewal fees are \$50. This bill has the potential to decrease revenues from handgun fees, but only to the extent that a correctional officer actually sought a permit on the grounds that this bill provides. Any such foregone revenue is assumed to be minimal.

Applicants for permits under these provisions would still have to submit to criminal history record checks. The total maximum cost of such checks and fingerprinting is \$52, which includes State and national background checks. This cost would be borne by applicants. Since there would be fewer than 10,000 applicants, State expenditures would not be affected.

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