

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

**Revised**

House Bill 119

(Chair, Judiciary Committee)(By Request - Departmental  
- State Police)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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**Department of State Police - Firearm Applications - Authority of Secretary**

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This departmental bill allows the transfer of a firearms application by a licensee or a law enforcement agency to the Secretary of State Police by electronic means approved by the Secretary, in addition to FAX machine or certified mail.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's authorizations can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Department of State Police (DSP).

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The transfer of a firearms application by a licensee or a law enforcement agency to the Secretary of State Police must be made by fax machine or certified mail.

**Background:** DSP advises that the purpose of this bill is to permit the submission of firearms purchasing data to its licensing division by electronic means approved by the Secretary as new technologies may develop. Dealers are prohibited from delivering the paperwork themselves.

The Information and Technology Division of DSP is currently working on an electronic data transfer initiative that is expected to be deployed as a pilot program in 2010, which will allow certain licensed dealers to submit firearms application data via a new electronic system. The electronically submitted data will be received by the licensing division for processing and will automatically populate a new tracking system. Until this bill becomes law, dealers have agreed to send both electronic submissions under the pilot program as well as fax copies.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Department of State Police – Firearm Application – Authority of Secretary

BILL NUMBER: HB 119

PREPARED BY: Maryland State Police

### PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

☒ WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

☐ WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

### PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.