Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

☒ Original ☐ Updated ☐ Corrected ☐ Supplemental

LRB Number **03-2856/3**	Introduction Number **SB-214**

Subject

Licenses to carry a concealed weapon

Fiscal Effect

State:

☐ No State Fiscal Effect
☐ Indeterminate
- ☐ Increase Existing Appropriations
- ☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
- ☐ Create New Appropriations
- ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
- ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
- ☒ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - ☒ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Decrease Costs

Local:

☐ No Local Government Costs
☐ Indeterminate

1. ☒ Increase Costs
   ☐ Permissive ☒ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
3. ☐ Increase Revenue
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenue
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
   ☐ Towns ☐ Village ☐ Cities
   ☒ Counties ☐ Others
   ☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

☒ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

s.20.475(1)(d)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

It is very difficult to assess the exact increase in District Attorney office workload were this bill to pass. It is clear, however, that it cause some increase in workload. The magnitude of the increase would depend on three factors:

First, the workload impact on DA offices would be affected by which counties, if any, would vote to permit their sheriffs to not issue any permits and the decisions of the sheriffs in those counties. Clearly if Milwaukee and other large urban counties did not issue concealed weapons licenses, then the impact of this bill, were it to become law, would be lessened.

Second, the workload impact on DA offices would be affected by the number of cases referred to the DA office that would be generated by the new penalties included in the bill regarding the licensing of concealed weapons.

Third, and perhaps the most significant factor, is the number of additional cases requiring DA office work, which would have not otherwise arisen but for the existence of the legally licensed concealed weapon. Presumably, whenever a concealed weapon is actually used or even brandished, law enforcement would be compelled to determine if this usage was legal. The DA office would be involved in all of these cases. This would include determinations by the DA office as to whether the use or blandishment of a legally concealed weapon was justified or was a crime and, in those cases where the DA office determined that it was a crime, the prosecution of those crimes. Given the lethal nature of the concealed weapons permitted by this bill, the DAs' reviews of the instances of the use or blandishment of the concealed weapons could well be time consuming, as would the prosecution of any criminal use of the concealed weapon. Further, it is likely that any crimes committed by use or blandishment of concealed weapons would be serious, time consuming felonies.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As data becomes available on the actual magnitude of the three factors discussed above, a determination can be made as to whether additional prosecutorial resources will be needed and in which AD offices.