

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 03-1342/1		Introduction Number AB-40			
Subject Retired peace officers carrying a concealed weapon and the content of operators' licenses and identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation					
Fiscal Effect					
State:					
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect					
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate					
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget			
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:					
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs					
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations			
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR	<input type="checkbox"/> FED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRO	<input type="checkbox"/> PRS	<input type="checkbox"/> SEG	<input type="checkbox"/> SEGS
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 40 would authorize retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed weapon under certain circumstances. The legislation establishes criteria for eligibility to carry a concealed weapon, steps for verification of eligibility, procedures for verification of continued eligibility, and criteria for revocation of eligibility. Under the bill, the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) in conjunction with the Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to verify the initial and continuing eligibility of applicants, in part, by conducting a firearms restriction records search. The bill expressly prohibits the DOJ from assessing fees to cover the costs of such reviews.

Approximately 11,600 retired officers would be affected by this legislation and may be eligible to apply for approval to carry a concealed weapon. The Department estimates that 2,000 officers would apply to the LESB and require DOJ verification in the first year of the program. Based upon the experience of the Division of Training and Standards Bureau in certifying 2050 law enforcement, jail and secure detention officers annually, the Department anticipates the following costs associated with its responsibilities under the bill:

ESTIMATED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - YEAR 1 - COSTS

\$61,034 Program Assistants (2)
17,861 Program Assistant (Half Time)
21,809 Training Officer (Half Time)
21,809 Investigator (Half Time)
25,000 Program Assistants (Two - LTE for Six Months)
53,600 Equipment & Supplies
2,500 Investigator Travel Expenses

\$203,603 TOTAL*

COSTS TO APPLICANTS

The Department's existing certification programs are based on verification by employers that certain standards have been met. Thus, the costs to determine the physical and mental state of an officer are generally borne by the employer. Under the bill, these costs would necessarily be borne by the applicant. The costs to applicants for an examination by a physician, for example, would likely exceed \$250. In addition, a drug test would increase the cost to applicants by at least \$75. Initial and ongoing training to qualify for approval to carry a concealed weapon would cost approximately \$50 per applicant, per course.

*Salary figures include estimated cost of fringe benefits.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications