

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 09-1235/1	Introduction Number AB-0221
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Description
 Creating a microstamping requirement for certain handguns, certification of compliance with the microstamping requirement, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing penalties

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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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

2009 Assembly Bill 221 creates Chapter 175.36, relating to semiautomatic handgun identification. Under Ch. 175.36 (6), the Department of Justice shall promulgate rules specifying the manner in which a manufacturer must certify that a semiautomatic handgun produces microstamps and identifying the conditions necessary for a manufacturer of firearms or ammunition to disclose to a law enforcement agency the make, model, and serial number of a semiautomatic handgun.

The department anticipates being able to absorb within its existing budget the costs associated with completing the rule making process required under AB 221.

Individual characters microstamped onto shell casings are very small, measuring only 1 or 2 millimeters in diameter. Also, the quality of the characters microstamped on shell casings may deteriorate over time as the stamping mechanism experiences more use. These two factors may combine to make it difficult to accurately and/or definitively identify all characters stamped on shell casings without the assistance of specialized magnification equipment. As a result, local law enforcement agencies may decide to send microstamped shell casings to DOJ's crime labs for positive identification. If the number of requests for positive identification is significant, DOJ will not be able to absorb the increased workload and will require additional resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications