

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Carrying concealed weapons by law enforcement officers and by retired law enforcement officers					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2009 Assembly Bill 474 creates s. 175.48, relating to carrying of concealed weapons by retired law enforcement officers.

Under AB 474 the Department of Justice (DOJ) may issue to a law enforcement officer who retired from DOJ or from a federal law enforcement agency a card certifying that the officer is qualified to carry a concealed weapon. DOJ shall design the certification card.

Prior to issuing a certification card, DOJ will have to verify that the applicant: 1) was regularly employed as a DOJ or federal law enforcement officer; 2) retired as a DOJ or federal law enforcement officer in good standing for reasons other than mental instability; 3) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired; 4) is not prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm; and 5) during the previous 12 months met certain standards for training and qualification to carry a firearm.

Prior to annual renewal of a certification card, DOJ will have to verify that the applicant is not prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm and that the applicant has, during the previous 12 months, met certain standards for training and qualification to carry a firearm.

DOJ currently possesses equipment capable of producing certification cards. DOJ also has the capability to verify the information relating to applicants' retirement, firearm possession, and firearm training status. 2009 Assembly Bill 473 creates an appropriation account for DOJ to deposit any fees necessary to reimburse the agency for costs associated with administering the qualification standards of AB 474.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications