

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-0096/1	Introduction Number	SB-134	Estimate Type	Original
Description Providing information to a firearms dealer when purchasing a handgun, authorizing the Department of Justice to prosecute violations of certain laws regulating firearms, receiving a stolen firearm, and providing penalties.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that a person who intentionally gives false information on a notification form provided to a firearms dealer regarding whether the person is purchasing a firearm with the purpose or intent of transferring the firearm to another whom the person knows, or reasonably should know is presently prohibited from possessing a firearm, is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined not less than \$500. The bill also authorizes DOJ to prosecute such violations. Additionally, under the bill, a person who intentionally receives a stolen firearm, regardless of the value of the firearm, is guilty of a Class H felony, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 6 years, or both.

Assumptions

The Department of Natural Resources does not enforce laws restricting the purchase of firearms. This bill only provides additional enforcement authority to the Department of Justice. The DNR's authority, as it relates to receiving stolen property, is limited to: violations that occur on lands under the ownership, management and control of the DNR; violations that occur in the presence of a Conservation Warden; or circumstances when a Conservation Warden is requested by another law enforcement agency to assist with an investigation. This bill would not require any new action on behalf of the DNR.

State and Local Government Fiscal Impacts

The DNR does not expect this bill to have any significant fiscal impacts at the state or local level.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications