

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Carrying a concealed weapon; licenses authorizing persons to carry concealed weapons; possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances; disorderly conduct limitations; photographic identification cards for former law enforcement officers; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows a person 21 years or older and not prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law to apply for a license to carry a concealed weapon. The license allows a person to carry a concealed weapon anywhere in the state except prohibited locations. This bill requires a background check to be completed before a license is issued or renewed. This bill also requires state and local law enforcement agencies to issue and renew certification cards to qualified former law enforcement officers who reside in Wisconsin. This bill places limitations on disorderly conduct in regards to carrying a concealed weapon. This bill also allows carrying of a loaded and unencased handgun in a vehicle if the person is a qualified active duty or former law enforcement officer or a licensee.

This bill establishes fines not greater than \$10,000 and imprisonments not longer than nine months for individuals who do not carry specific documentation while the person is carrying a concealed weapon, do not update address information or whose license is revoked or suspended, carries a concealed weapon in a prohibited location, fails to relinquish license documentation to DOJ after their license has been revoked or for altering, misusing, misrepresenting or selling of a concealed carry license.

This bill creates a new penalty for making a false statement in an application for a license. If the person makes a false statement on the application he or she will be subject to a Class H felony conviction.

The Department of Corrections is unable to estimate the number of offenders who will be subject to the criminal penalty provisions of this bill and therefore is unable to estimate the state fiscal impact.

The average FY10 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$32,100. However, when there is excess capacity in DOC facilities, the incremental costs (i.e. food, health care and clothing) of housing a small number of inmates is approximately \$5,100, based on FY10 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person. State costs could change if an increased or decreased number of offenders are convicted of this crime and placed on probation. The average FY10 annual cost to supervise one offender is approximately \$2,800.

A local impact will also occur if an adult offender is sentenced to a jail term under the provisions of this bill. A local fiscal impact cannot be estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications