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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 234** HLS 23RS 443

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Public Safety		<b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas
<b>Subject:</b> Lifetime Concealed Carry Permits		

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS OR DECREASE SD RV See Note  
Provides relative to to the concealed carrying of firearms

Under present law, the concealed handgun permit fees are as follows: (1) \$125 for a 5-year permit; (2) \$62.50 for 5-year permit for persons 65 years or older; (3) \$62.50 for 5-year permit for military members; (4) \$500 for a lifetime permit; (5) \$250 for lifetime permit for persons 65 years or older; (6) \$250 for a lifetime permit for military members, and (7) \$0 for veterans with an honorable discharge. Proposed law removes all existing concealed handgun permit fees and authorizes State Police to assess a fee of \$25 for a lifetime permit. Proposed law makes all permits issued or renewed on or after 4/19/1996 lifetime permits. Proposed law removes all educational firearms safety and training requirements for a concealed handgun permit.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is estimated to increase state expenditures by at least \$27,000 (assumed to be SGF) in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services (DPS), Office of State Police for programming changes to the Concealed Handgun system. The proposed law will require modifications to the State Police Concealed Handgun system to make all permits lifetime and reduce all fees to \$25.

While proposed law does not otherwise directly impact state or local governmental expenditures, it does reduce Statutorily Dedicated revenues out of the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund used to support certain functions within the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police (\$4.4 M based on actuals in FY 22). The total loss of revenues to support these expenditures is indeterminable (see Revenue Explanation). To the extent that the legislature continues to fund activities in State Police supported by these revenues at the same or a diminished level in subsequent fiscal years, the funding sources supporting the base expenditures must be replaced by SGF or another revenue source to supplant the loss of statutory dedication expenditures. These activities would compete for annual SGF resources along with other significant SGF supported services and activities of the state.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable, yet significant, decrease in revenue from the statutorily dedicated Concealed Handgun Permit Fund. The proposed law makes all concealed handgun permits valid for the life of the permit holder (lifetime permits); thereby eliminating 5-year permits which require renewals. In addition, the proposed law decreases the fee for all concealed handgun permits (original, renewals, and lifetime) to a one-time fee of \$25. Currently, LA State Police assess a \$125 fee for a 5-year permit and \$500 for a lifetime permit. This \$25 fee under this measure equates to 20% of the current \$125 permit fee, which is the majority of permits issued by State Police.

Actual revenue from the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund has varied over the past three years: \$3.4 M in 2020, \$5.9 M in 2021, and \$3 M in 2022. In 2022, State Police issued 31,530 permits as follows: 13,595 original 5-year permits; 6,367 lifetime permits; and renewed 11,568 permits. Using the previous numbers as a baseline, the revenue loss could be up to 80% of current revenue collections. For illustrative purposes, based on the past three years, State Police collects an average of \$4.1 M from concealed handgun permit fees; therefore, revenue collections from permit fees are anticipated to decrease by approximately \$3.8 M, or 80% of current collections.

NOTE: Some of the permits were issued at half the standard fee because they were for people 65 and older or people with active military status. Additionally, the number of permits issued varies widely from year to year based on external factors such as political influences, world, and national events, etc.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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