

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/18/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1327

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$208,761	\$0	\$238,487
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$208,761	\$0	\$238,487
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$208,761	\$0	\$238,487

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium
Counties	\$0		
Cities	\$0		
School Districts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Townships	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill requires state and national fingerprint based criminal history record checks prior to concealed weapon licenses being issued. The bill also removes local law enforcement from the concealed weapons license process.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Currently the concealed weapon license application fee is \$45 every five years. The Office of Attorney General processes a North Dakota record check, outstanding warrants search, court records check, National Instant Check system check and other checks. This bill requires a fingerprint based national criminal history record check be performed for each applicant prior to issuing the license. The fingerprint based criminal history record check will cost \$14.50 which will need to be collected from each applicant. The fiscal impact on police departments and sheriff offices is unknown however it should reduce their expenses related to this work.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The \$14.50 fingerprint based criminal history record check fee will need to be collected from the applicant. For the 2013-15 biennium there are an estimated 7,300 new and 5,600 renewing concealed weapon license applicants. For the 2015-17 biennium there are an estimated 7,000 new and 7,700 renewing concealed weapon license applicants. These revenues are deposited in the Office of Attorney General operating fund to pay for the fingerprint based record checks.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The \$14.50 fingerprint based criminal history record check fee will need to be paid to the FBI which will require other funds expenditures by this office. In addition, completing fingerprint based criminal history record searches may require some rewrite of the current Concealed Weapons License system. The estimated cost of the rewrite is \$24,000 from the general fund.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The appropriations impact reflects the estimated cost of the fingerprint based criminal history record check fees being paid to the FBI and the estimated cost of rewriting a portion of the Concealed Weapons License system.

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