LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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SENATE, No. 372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires firearm owners who become New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification card and register handguns acquired out-of-State.

Type of Impact: State and local revenue increases. Potential State expenditure increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety; Municipalities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	
Local Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	
Potential State Expenditure Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates this bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State and local revenue from firearms purchaser identification card application fees, and potentially a State expenditure increase to meet the bill's requirements. The OLS does not have an estimate of the number of residents relocating to New Jersey who may require a firearms purchaser identification card.

- The bill requires the Superintendent of the Division of the State Police (DSP) in the Department of Law and Public Safety to prepare the form of registration statement and provide a suitable supply of statements to each organized full-time municipal police department and each State Police station. The OLS estimates that meeting the additional requirements of this bill may not be overly labor-intensive and the DSP may be able to absorb the additional workload within their existing operating budget.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires firearm owners who move to New Jersey to obtain a firearm purchaser identification card (FPIC) and register their handgun within 60 days of residing in this State.

Under current law, a person who purchases a firearm in this State is required to display an FPIC, which identifies the card holder as a person who meets the statutory qualifications to purchase a firearm in this State. A person who legally owned a firearm while residing in another state and then moves to New Jersey is not required to obtain an FPIC.

This bill requires a firearm owner who becomes a resident of this State to obtain an FPIC and register his or her handgun. In order to register the handgun, a person would be required to submit to the municipal law enforcement agency or the State Police a registration statement that provides the person's name and address and the make, model, and serial number of the handgun being registered.

Under the bill, the Superintendent of State Police is required to prepare the form of registration statement and provide a suitable supply of statements to each organized full-time municipal police department and each State Police station within 60 days prior to the bill's enactment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Revenue: The OLS estimates an indeterminate increase in State and local revenue from firearms purchaser identification card application fees, due to requirements for firearm owners relocating to New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification cards for handguns acquired out-of-State.

Expenditures: The bill requires the Superintendent of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety to prepare the form of registration statement and provide a suitable supply of statements to each organized full-time municipal police department and each State Police station. The OLS estimates that meeting the additional requirements of this bill may not be overly labor-intensive and the DSP may be able to absorb the additional workload within their existing operating budgets.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).