

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 6, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Driver, Chair, House Committee on Law Enforcement

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2619** by Ellis (Relating to the amount of the application and license fee for a license to carry a concealed handgun.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2619, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,451,124) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2004	(\$725,562)
2005	(\$725,562)
2006	(\$725,562)
2007	(\$725,562)
2008	(\$725,562)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from CONCEALD HANDGUN LIC ACCT 991</b>
2004	(\$725,562)
2005	(\$725,562)
2006	(\$725,562)
2007	(\$725,562)
2008	(\$725,562)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to the amount of the application and license fee for a license to carry a concealed handgun by reducing the fee of \$140 to \$110 for an original license. Additionally, there would be a reduction of original application fees for seniors and indigent people from \$70 to \$55, because these groups pay half of the original application fee.

**Methodology**

The Department of Public Safety receives approximately 27,960 original applications each year. Of those, approximately 27%, or 7,549, are from seniors or indigent people who pay half the application fee. Based on the reduction of \$30 in the original standard license fee [\$140 (current fee) less the \$110 (proposed fee) = \$30], the estimated loss in revenue equals \$612,324 per year (\$30 multiplied

by 20,411 applicants). For seniors and indigent people, the \$15 reduction in license fee [\$70 (current fee) less the \$55 (proposed fee) = \$15] results in an estimated loss of revenue of \$113,238 per year (\$15 multiplied by 7,549 applicants). The total estimated annual loss in revenue equals \$725,562.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety

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