

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Sid Miller, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1329** by Raymond (Relating to a waiver of concealed handgun license fees for certain veterans of the military.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1329, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$920,850) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

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>
2012	(\$460,425)
2013	(\$460,425)
2014	(\$460,425)
2015	(\$460,425)
2016	(\$460,425)

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue (Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>
2012	(\$460,425)
2013	(\$460,425)
2014	(\$460,425)
2015	(\$460,425)
2016	(\$460,425)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code requirements a veteran would need to meet to qualify for a waiver of any fee required for the issuance of a concealed handgun license. The bill removes the requirement for a veteran to apply for the license within one year of being honorably discharged from military service and repeals statute providing for a 50 percent discount on license fees for veterans applying for a license more than 365 days after honorable discharge from military service. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**Methodology**

In calendar year 2010, the Regulatory Services Division of the Department of Public Safety received 5,803 original applications for concealed handgun licenses and 1,549 license renewal applications

from veterans. Fees are set at \$70 per original license application and \$35 per renewal application. Assuming continued operations at this level of activity, the estimated loss to the General Revenue Fund is \$460,425 per year.

This analysis assumes that any costs associated with implementing the bill's requirements could be met with existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety

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