

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB61

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hackworth

**3. Committee:** Judiciary

**4. Title:** Firearms; concealed carry for law-enforcement officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth, and judges.

**5. Summary:** Exempts active and retired law enforcement officers, Commonwealth's attorneys, assistant Commonwealth's attorneys, judges, and justices of the Commonwealth from prohibitions against carrying a concealed weapon. The bill also provides that these individuals may carry a firearm in areas where it is otherwise prohibited to carry a firearm, including in areas designated by localities, in specific localities laid out in the Code, within the Capitol Square and the surrounding area, into buildings owned or leased by the Commonwealth, and at polling places. The bill also provides for a civil penalty for retired or resigned law enforcement officers who violate provisions related to receiving an exemption to prohibitions against carrying a concealed handgun; violators are subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and no more than \$2,000 for the first offense, and civil penalties of not less than \$2,000 and no more than \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense, payable into the Literary Fund.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of State Police (VSP) is responsible for overseeing the Commonwealth's concealed weapons permit program. VSP does not anticipate any fiscal impact to agency operations as result of the provisions of this bill.

The bill also creates a new civil penalty, which is payable to the state's Literary Fund. Any potential fiscal impact to the Literary Fund as a result of the provisions of this proposed legislation is indeterminate at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police, localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.