149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 232**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Carson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY DEADLY WEAPONS CONCEALED.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act would create the Delaware Commission on Concealed Weapon Licensing and provide for a professional staff and procedural mechanisms for licensing persons to carry concealed deadly weapons. The Commission is also charged with licensing and regulating the Personal Protection Firearms Instructors.
2. Expenditure projections from the creation of the Delaware Commission on Concealed Weapon Licensing include compensation of Commission members, Personnel costs associated with the Executive Director and subordinate staff, and Contractual Services associated with lease agreements for office space and connectivity through the Department of Technology and Information with yearly total expenditures of $330,548. Expenditure projections are as follows:

- *Commission Members*
  - Compensation - $10,500
  - Expenses - $5,000
- *Personnel Costs*
  - Executive Director - $141,080 (Includes OECs)
  - Paralegal III - $64,234 (Includes OECs)
  - Investigator III - $64,234 (Includes OECs)
- *Supplies and Materials*
  - Computers, Telephones, Office Supplies - $3,500
- *Contractual Services*
  - Office Space Lease and Connectivity - $42,000

3. This Act would increase the filing fee for license to carry concealed deadly weapons from $65 to $95 for first time applicants, increase the renewal of these licenses from $65 to $75, create a new fee of $100 for the issuance of a temporary license and create a new fee of $150 for out of state applicants applying for a Delaware license to carry concealed deadly weapons and $100 renewal fee thereafter. This Act would also create a new fee of $100 for new applicants applying for an instructor license, with this license being valid for one year and requiring a yearly renewal fee of $75 thereafter.

4. The proposed revenue projections from the new and increased fees associated with this Act assume an average number of 4,200 license applications each calendar year with a yearly revenue total of $342,300. This yearly average is based on the previous six calendar years of licensure data provided by the Department of Justice and assumes that 30 percent of these applications would be new applicants. Revenue projections are as follows:

- *New Applicant Licenses* – 1,260 applications at $95 (*$30 increase from current fee*)
    - Yearly Revenue of $119,700 (*$37,800 increase from current*)
- *Renewal Licenses* – 2,940 applications at $75 *($10 increase from current fee*)
    - Yearly Revenue of $220,500 (*$29,400 increase from current*)
- *Instructor Licenses* – 60 applications at $100 with renewal every three years (*new fee*)
    - Yearly Revenue of $2,000
- *Temporary Licenses* – 1 application at $100 (*new fee*)
    - Yearly Revenue of $100
- *Contiguous State Licenses* – Unknown number of Licenses (*new fee*)
    - Yearly Revenue Unknown

5. Currently, a portion of the revenue generated from license to carry concealed deadly weapons applications is allocated to the Department of Justice for personnel costs related to carrying out the agencies responsibilities with regards to the process with remaining revenues supporting the General Fund. Under current processes, the Department of Justice receives $30.50 from each $65 application fee with the remaining $34.50 supporting the General Fund. The average revenue returned to the General Fund over the past 5 fiscal years is $148,722. This Act does not specifically account for the General Fund portion of revenue which would be lost based on this proposal and is thus the basis for the fiscal impact.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2018:	$148,722 General Fund
Fiscal Year 2019:	$148,722 General Fund
Fiscal Year 2020:	$148,722 General Fund

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