153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 for SENATE BILL NO. 300**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Sokola**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS DEALERS.**

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:
This Act establishes a new state licensing framework for firearm dealers, administered by the Delaware State Police (DSP), replacing the existing special license to sell deadly weapons for entities meeting the definition of a firearm dealer.

Under this Act, firearm dealers are required to obtain a state license and submit both initial and renewal applications. The Act establishes a $300 fee for an initial state license and a $250 fee for renewal of a state license.

The Act also establishes the Firearm Licensing Fund within the State Treasury. Revenues generated through licensure fees, civil penalties, and late fees collected under the Act are required to be deposited into the Fund and used to support implementation and administration of the firearm dealer licensing program.

Affected Entities:
Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware State Police (including the State Bureau of Identification)

Fiscal Impact:
Based on information provided by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, there are currently approximately 137 Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) operating within Delaware that may become subject to licensure under this Act. It is assumed that all currently identified entities subject to the Act will apply for an initial state license during Fiscal Year 2029, the first year of implementation.

Because the Act also authorizes the collection of civil penalties and late fees, actual revenues may exceed the estimates below depending on future enforcement activity and compliance rates.

Fiscal Year 2027:	$0
Fiscal Year 2028:	$0
Fiscal Year 2029:	$41,100

Intended Use of Revenue:
Revenues generated must be deposited into the Firearm Licensing Fund and are intended to support the administrative and operational costs associated with implementing and enforcing the firearm dealer licensing program established under this Act.

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