

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB496

**Patron:** Marsden

**Bill Title:** Secure storage of handguns; unattended locked vehicle; penalty.

**Bill Summary:** Removes the exception to the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon for any person who may lawfully possess a firearm and is carrying a handgun while in a personal, private motor vehicle or vessel and such handgun is secured in a container or compartment in the vehicle or vessel. The bill also creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to securely store a handgun, defined in the bill, in a locked hard-sided container out of plain view in an unattended vehicle, defined in the bill.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** See below

**Fiscal Summary:**

There is an indeterminate amount of possible civil penalty revenue to the Literary Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. These offenses do not carry jail time. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

The proposed bill does not apply to law enforcement officers as defined in § 9.1-101.

**Other:** None