

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB696

**Patron:** Zehr

**Bill Title:** Carrying a firearm or explosive material into a building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exceptions for highway rest areas and government stores.

**Bill Summary:** Provides that the prohibition on carrying a firearm or explosive material in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth shall not apply to any highway rest area or government store, as those terms are defined in relevant law.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No                    **Items Impacted:** N/a

**Explanation:** This legislation is not expected to generate a fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Summary:** The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control and Virginia Department of Transportation indicate this bill is not expected to generate a fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** See fiscal summary.

**Other:** This bill is similar to HB2412 (2025 session).