

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB496S3

Patron: Marsden

Bill Title: Handguns; definitions, secure storage in an unattended vehicle, penalty

Bill Summary: The conference substitute bill creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for leaving a handgun unattended in a motor vehicle when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle.

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, the storage of antique firearms, or a person who reports the theft or loss of a firearm to a law-enforcement agency as provided in § 18.2-287.5.

Other: None