

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB110ER **Patron:** Laufer
Bill Title: Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.

Bill Summary: Provides that no person shall knowingly leave a handgun, as defined in the bill, in an unattended vehicle or trunk, as defined in the bill, unless such handgun is placed out of plain view in a locked hard-sided container, including a locked container that is affixed to the vehicle's interior by steel cable, bolt, or welding. A locked container affixed to the vehicle's interior includes a locked glove compartment or a locked center console. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill provides exceptions to its provisions.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: Not applicable.

Fiscal Summary: There is not an anticipated fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

Fiscal Analysis: This proposal provides that no person shall knowingly leave a handgun, as defined in the bill, in an unattended vehicle or trunk, as defined in the bill, unless such handgun is placed out of plain view in a locked hard-sided container, including a locked container that is affixed to the vehicle's interior by steel cable, bolt, or welding. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

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.

Other: None.