

**STATE AND LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: GOVERNOR CANNOT RESTRICT FIREARMS DURING EMERGENCY

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue	Potential increase. See State Revenue section.	
State Expenditures	Potential increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill eliminates the authority of the Governor to suspend or limit the sale, distribution, or transportation of firearms during a state of disaster emergency. Under current law, a disaster emergency is defined as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin. In such a situation, the Governor has the authority to suspend the sale, distribution, or transportation of alcohol beverages, firearms, explosives, and combustibles.

State Revenue

In the event that a disaster emergency occurs and the Governor would have suspended or limited the sale of firearms but is no longer able to as a result of the bill, General Fund revenue from sales taxes on firearms sales and cash fund revenue from firearm background checks has the potential to increase. However, this fiscal note assumes that many other factors would impact state revenue in the result of a disaster emergency, and the potential effects of this bill cannot be quantified but are anticipated to be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill narrows the statutory authority given to the Governor during a state of disaster emergency and is expected to have a minimal increase on state expenditures. In the event that more firearms are sold than would otherwise have been allowed under current law, the Department of Public Safety will see an increase in workload to process background checks. However, this fiscal note assumes that many other factors would affect workload at the Department of Public Safety in the event of a disaster emergency, and the potential effects of this bill cannot be quantified but are anticipated to be minimal.

Local Government Impact

In the event that a disaster emergency occurs and the Governor would have suspended or limited the sale of firearms but is no longer able to as a result of the bill, local government revenue from sales taxes on firearms sales has the potential to increase by a minimal amount. In addition, workload for local governments to enforce limitations on the sale, distribution, or transportation of firearms would decline. This fiscal note assumes that many other factors would impact local revenue and expenditures in the result of a disaster emergency, and the potential effects of this bill cannot be quantified.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect on August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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