153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 for SENATE BILL NO. 300**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Sokola**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS DEALERS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor and establishes a phased implementation schedule for the statewide firearm dealer licensing framework. Full implementation of the Act is required by January 1, 2029.
2. This Act establishes a new state licensure framework for firearm dealers, administered by the Delaware State Police (DSP) and the State Bureau of Identification (SBI), replacing the existing special license to sell deadly weapons for entities meeting the definition of a firearm dealer. Based on information provided by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS), there are currently approximately 137 Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) operating within Delaware that may become subject to licensure under this Act.
3. This Act expands the duties and responsibilities of the DSP and the SBI, and it is assumed that the implementation and start-up of this program will occur over the next three fiscal years. The DSHS estimates that implementing and enforcing this Act would require an expansion of 3.0 FTE civilian and 6.0 FTE sworn personnel positions over Fiscal Year 2027, Fiscal Year 2028, and Fiscal Year 2029.
    a. Year One (Fiscal Year 2027)
        i. Recurring Costs – $289,295
            1. $256,085 in Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs (6 months of funding), including OECs (at a rate of 33.41% for the civilian personnel and at a rate of 36.06% for sworn personnel), for 1.0, DSP Captain; and 1.0, DSP Sergeant.
            2. $15,172 estimated annual costs associated with technology-related operating costs.
            3. $18,038 estimated for associated annual vehicle maintenance and fuel costs.

        ii. One-Time Costs – $206,190
            1. $9,390 in supplies for equipment, computers, and other supply startup costs for 2.0 FTE sworn positions.
            2. $196,800 for vehicles, vehicle-related equipment, radios, mobile data computer, outfitting, and startup costs for 2.0 FTE sworn positions added in Fiscal Year 2027.

    b. Year Two (Fiscal Year 2028)
        i. Recurring Costs – $979,167
            1. $801,373 in Fiscal Year 2028 personnel costs, including OECs (at a rate of 33.41% for the civilian personnel and at a rate of 36.06% for sworn personnel), for 12 months of funding for positions provide in year one plus

six months of funding for 1.0 FTE, Information System Analyst; 1.0 FTE, Vulnerability Assessment Specialist; 1.0 FTE, Project Manager IV; and 1.0 FTE, DSP Master Corporal.

2. $43,200 estimated rent for a larger facility to house the new unit.
3. $27,918 estimated annual costs associated with technology-related operating costs.
4. $70,600 estimated annual costs associated with high-speed fiber optic needs, software maintenance, and eLearning platform.
5. $36,076 estimated for associated annual vehicle maintenance and fuel costs.

ii. One-Time Costs – $271,036

1. $18,780 in supplies for equipment, computers, and other supply startup costs for 1.0 FTE sworn position and 3.0 FTE civilian positions added in Fiscal Year 2028.
2. $38,856 in supplies for equipment, computers, office furniture, and other supply startup costs associated with the new facility for sworn positions added in Fiscal Year 2027 and Fiscal Year 2028.
3. $128,400 for vehicles, vehicle-related equipment, radios, mobile data computer, outfitting, and startup costs for 1.0 FTE sworn position and 2.0 FTE civilian positions in need of vehicles, added in Fiscal Year 2028.
4. $85,000 for audit tracking software, security/access control/cabling and technology needs associated with the startup of this program and additional facility space.

c. Year Three (Fiscal Year 2029)

i. Recurring Costs – $1,746,087

1. $1,416,718 in Fiscal Year 2029 personnel costs, including OECs (at a rate of 33.41% for the civilian personnel and at a rate of 36.06% for sworn personnel), for 12 months of funding for positions provide in years one and two, plus six months of funding for 3.0 FTE, DSP Corporal 1.
2. $72,000 estimated rent for a larger facility to house the new positions.
3. $45,636 estimated annual costs associated with technology-related operating costs.
4. $70,600 estimated annual costs associated with high-speed fiber optic needs, software maintenance, and eLearning platform.
5. $63,133 estimated for associated annual vehicle maintenance and fuel costs.

ii. One-Time Costs – $328,713

1. $14,085 in supplies for equipment, computers, and other supply startup costs for 3.0 FTE sworn positions added in Fiscal Year 2029.
2. $19,428 in supplies for equipment, computers, office furniture, and other supply startup costs for 3.0 FTE sworn positions added in Fiscal Year 2029.
3. $295,200 for vehicles, vehicle-related equipment, radios, mobile data computer, outfitting, and startup costs for 3.0 FTE sworn positions added in Fiscal Year 2029.

4. This Act will require the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS) to make significant programming and system modifications to the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to ensure compliance.
   a. One-Time Costs – $250,000 in Fiscal Year 2027, $720,000 in Fiscal Year 2028, and $109,000 in Fiscal Year 2029 estimated for specialized contractual staff to make coding changes to complete necessary system integration and other related system enhancements.
   b. Recurring Costs – $156,000 annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2029 (six months of funding) for a contractual Software Engineer/Developer to support ongoing maintenance and operations of the system.
5. This Act establishes fixed licensure fees of $300 for an initial state license and $250 for renewal of a state license. Revenue generated from these fees, as well as any civil penalties and late fees collected under the Act, are to be deposited into the Firearm Licensing Fund and used to support implementation and ongoing administration of the program.

Cost:

	One-Time	**Operating/Recurring**	**Total**
Fiscal Year 2027:	$456,190	$289,295	$745,485
Fiscal Year 2028:	$991,036	$979,167	$1,970,203
Fiscal Year 2029:	$437,713	$1,746,087	$2,183,800

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