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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 SHORT TITLE Concealed Handgun License Changes SB \_\_\_\_\_  
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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses

Municipal League

Association of Counties

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Attorney General’s Office (AGO)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HFL #1 Amendment

The first House Floor Amendment to House Bill 641 adds the wording “discretionary state” regarding provisions of discretionary state authority for the transfer, recognition or reciprocity of a concealed handgun license issued by another state. Also, adds the rule regarding transfer, recognition or reciprocity of a concealed handgun license that the other state’s provisions be at least as stringent as or substantially similar to the Concealed Handgun Carry Act.

#### Synopsis of Substitute

House Bill 641 amends the current concealed handgun statute in the following ways: (1) extends the life of a license to carry a concealed handgun from 2 to 4 years on original and renewed licenses; (2) lowers the age from 25 to 21 years of age for those who otherwise qualify to carry a concealed handgun; (3) licensee shall complete a two-hour refresher firearms training course two years after issuance of an original or renewed license; (4) concealed handgun licenses include the category and the largest caliber of handgun that the licensee is licensed to carry, with a statement that the licensee is licensed to carry smaller caliber handguns but will carry only one concealed handgun at any given time; (5) licensee is required to file a police report with a local law en-

forcement agency is a license is lost or stolen; and (6) the renewal fee is increased from \$50 to \$75. DPS will develop the rules necessary to implement the provision of authority for the transfer, recognition or reciprocity of the concealed handgun license issued by another state if the issuing authority for the other state: (1) the license has an expiration date; (2) the other state can verify a license or status within 3 days; (3) the other state has disqualification, suspension and revocation standards; (4) requires the applicant to submit to a criminal history; (5) requires the applicant to not be prohibited from possessing firearms pursuant to federal or state law; and (6) requires the applicant to complete a firearm safety program to include deadly force, weapons care, maintenance, safe handling, storage and marksmanship.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

DPS will need to develop standards for deciding when the other state's concealed handgun law is substantially similar to ours.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DPS will have to handle the reciprocal agreements with cooperating states.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DPS has concerns with the renewal period being expanded to 4 years due to it complicating enforcement. DPS reports the proposed legislation would allow a person who fails to report an arrest, making the individual ineligible to carry a concealed weapon, could potentially carry the license for up to 4 years or until the required license renewal. DPS does not require a background check until the licensee submits for a renewal license. DPS believes the two year renewal is reasonable and assists the state in ensuring the carrier is meeting all of the eligibility requirements.

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