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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Neville ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/11
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Eliminate Certain Concealed Gun Requirements SB 29
ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)
Public Defender Department (PDD)
Department of Health (DOH)
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 29 proposes to amend the Concealed Handgun Carry Act to: 1) eliminate the fingerprint requirement when a concealed handgun license is being renewed; 2) eliminate the two-hour refresher firearms training course requirement that existing law requires be completed two years into the four year license term; 3) allow a licensee to apply to renew a license up to 90 days prior to expiration; and 4) expand the grace period for renewals from 60 to 90 days after expiration.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS reports no fiscal impact if this bill becomes law.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS advises that it is not feasible to access or pull an original set of prints, but DPS needs a new set of fingerprint cards in order to continue conducting a national background check upon

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renewal of a license. Under the proposed changes, DPS would be able to run only a very limited background check that will not include national fingerprint-verified arrest information. Additionally, DPS reports the two-year refresher course ensures the maintenance of at least some level of proficiency during the four-year license term.

PDD notes that New Mexico's two-year refresher course requirement is unique nationally.

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