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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment L.004 to HB 24-1349

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.004 to HB 24-1349. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment L.004

Conditional on voter approval in the 2024 election and subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly, the amendment would allow the Department of Revenue (DOR) to expend money from the Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Cash Fund ("cash fund") for costs associated with implementing and administering the excise tax.

On the last day of both fiscal year FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, the amendment transfers an amount equal to any implementation and administration costs paid from the General Fund for the ending fiscal year from the cash fund to the General Fund.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment L.004

The amendment reduces the amount of expenditures in the bill by about \$380,000 in FY 2024-25 and by about \$180,000 in FY 2025-26. The bill does not change the amount spent for administrative costs, but reduces the amount spent for crime victim services because the administrative expenses will be paid from revenue that would otherwise be allocated to crime victim services under the bill if the amendment is not adopted.



It is assumed that administrative expenses will be paid from the General Fund in FY 2024-25 and from the cash fund in later years. For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a transfer of about \$380,000 from the cash fund to the General Fund to repay costs initially paid from the General Fund. For FY 2025-26, the amendment shifts expenditures of about \$180,000 from the General Fund to the cash fund. By decreasing the amount of General Fund expenditures, the amendment reduces the General Fund reserve requirement by about \$27,000 in FY 2025-26, relative to the bill without the amendment.

Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment L.004

The revised bill would increase cash fund revenue and expenditures by the amounts in Table 1 below.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1349 as Amended by L.004

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue	Cash Funds	\$12.8 million	\$50.9 million
	Total Revenue	\$12.8 million	\$50.9 million
Expenditures	General Fund	\$383,027	-
	Cash Funds	up to \$12.4 million	up to \$50.9 million
	Centrally Appropriated	\$6,554	-
	Total Expenditures	up to \$12.8 million	up to \$50.9 million
	Total FTE	1.2 FTE	0.8 FTE
Transfers	Cash Funds	(\$12.8 million)	(\$50.7 million)
	Cash Funds	\$12.4 million	\$50.7 million
	General Fund	\$383,027	-
	Net Transfers	\$0	\$0
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$57,454	-