



Initiative 147

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Fiscal Impact Statement

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LCS TITLE: CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

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Summary of Measure

The measure prohibits sheriffs from denying a concealed handgun permit based on an applicant's lawful use of marijuana.

Background

Under current law, individuals must apply to county sheriffs for a concealed handgun permit. Sheriffs must approve applications if certain criteria are met, or deny applications if applicants are disqualified based on these criteria. Applications must include a criminal history background check performed by the Department of Public Safety (CDPS).

State Revenue and Expenditures

The measure potentially increases the population of individuals that apply for a concealed handgun permit, which will increase both state revenue from background check fees and state expenditures to process background checks in the CDPS. It is unknown how many additional permits will be applied for, but it is expected that any impact will be minimal.

Local Government

Similar to the state impact, fee revenue and expenditures will increase for sheriffs to the extent more individuals apply for concealed handgun permits.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys
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