

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB758

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Pillion

3. Committee: Judiciary

4. Title: Selling or possessing switchblade.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation eliminates the prohibition for selling, bartering, giving, furnishing, or possessing with the intent of selling, bartering, giving, or furnishing a switchblade.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, selling, bartering, giving, furnishing, or possessing with the intent of selling, bartering, giving, or furnishing a switchblade knife, is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. The proposed legislation eliminates the prohibition for selling, bartering, giving, furnishing, or possessing with the intent of selling, bartering, giving, or furnishing a switchblade. A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate the reduction in the number of convictions that may result from this legislation nor the reduction in fines that may be assessed. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth's Attorneys; Courts; law-enforcement.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.