

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 325

SHORT TITLE: Concealed Handgun Exemption

SPONSOR(S): Senators Odom; Albertson, Allran, Ballance, Ballantine, Blust, Carpenter, Carrington, Clark, Dalton, Dannelly, Foxx, Gulley, Horton, Hoyle, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, McDaniel, Miller, Perdue, Phillips, Plyler, Reeves, Rucho, Soles, Webster, Weinstein, Wellons, and Winner.

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES No Fiscal Impact

EXPENDITURES No Fiscal Impact

POSITIONS: None

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997.

BILL SUMMARY:

CONCEALED HANDGUN EXEMPTION (=H 433). TO EXEMPT A SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A RETIRED SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IF THE OFFICER APPLIES FOR A PERMIT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RETIREMENT. Amends GS 14-415.12A as title indicates. Disqualifies law enforcement officer who is the subject of a disciplinary action that prevents the carrying of a gun or who otherwise fails to meet the agency's requirements for carrying a gun. Disqualifies former law enforcement officer (1) retired because of a mental disability, (2) prohibited by state or federal law from receiving a firearm, (3)

who was not qualified enforcement officer immediately before retirement, or (4) who does not have nonforfeitable right to benefits under an agency's retirement plan. Effective Dec. 1, 1997.¹

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Department of Justice

According to the Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Information, this bill will have no fiscal impact on the various State law enforcement agencies or local law enforcement agencies. The Department of Justice notes that most State and local law enforcement officers when receiving their training and certification have already completed a firearms safety and training course. It is further noted that the Sheriff already has to make permit applications readily available for the general public. Requiring law enforcement officers to complete a permit application will not add any additional workload to Sheriffs' Departments, as well as to the Division of Criminal Information.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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