



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 203 of the 128th G.A.](#)

Date: January 15, 2010

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Bulp and Martin

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Allows concealed carry of handgun in retail food establishment or food service operation that has any class liquor permit

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill does not appear to generate any noticeable fiscal effects on the revenues or expenditures of the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill's concealed carry related provision will most likely affect the behavior of those qualified individuals who possess a license to carry a concealed handgun, but appears unlikely to generate any noticeable fiscal effects for any of the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

For the purposes of this fiscal analysis, the bill most notably modifies the laws governing the carrying of a concealed handgun to allow a person who is neither consuming liquor nor under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse and who is carrying a valid concealed carry license to carry a concealed handgun in a retail food establishment or food service operation that has any class liquor permit.

Concealed carry changes

Existing law generally prohibits a person from possessing a firearm in any room in which any person is consuming liquor on premises for which the Liquor Control Commission has issued a D permit or in an open air arena for which the Commission has issued a D permit. The bill expands an exception to this prohibition to allow a person who is neither consuming liquor nor under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse and who is carrying a valid license, temporary emergency license, or reciprocity license to carry a concealed handgun in a retail food establishment or food service operation that has any class liquor permit.

In effect, these provisions broaden the scope of where a properly licensed individual can lawfully carry a concealed handgun. The practical effect of these changes to current law is that there may be fewer violations of certain restrictions that, under current law, may lead to suspension and/or revocation of the concealed carry license by the county sheriff that issued the license. Given the fact that the overall rate of suspensions and revocations for all violations of the concealed carry law is very small, between 1% and 2% statewide, it seems reasonable to conclude that the reduction in the number of statewide violations created by the bill would also be very small. Thus, it appears unlikely that the bill will generate any noticeable fiscal effects for the state or any of the state's political subdivisions.