

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2417

As Reported By House Committee On:

Law & Justice

Title: An act relating to fees for concealed pistol licenses.

Brief Description: Revising the distribution of concealed pistol license fees.

Sponsors: Representatives Delvin, Sterk, Thompson, Sheahan, Smith, Campbell, Pennington and Mulliken.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Law & Justice: 1/24/96, 1/30/96 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Sheahan, Chairman; Delvin, Vice Chairman; Hickel, Vice Chairman; Dellwo, Ranking Minority Member; Costa, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Carrell; Chappell; Cody; Lambert; McMahan; Morris; Murray; Robertson; Smith and Sterk.

Staff: Bill Perry (786-7123).

Background: Concealed pistol licenses are issued for five years, and fees for licenses are distributed among various entities and programs.

An original license costs \$36, with the money distributed as follows:

- o \$15 to the state general fund;
- o \$4 to the local fingerprinting agency;
- o \$14 to the local issuing authority; and
- o \$3 to the firearms range account.

A renewal license costs \$32, with the money distributed as follows:

- o \$15 to the state general fund;
- o \$14 to the issuing authority; and
- o \$3 to the firearms range account.

Summary of Bill: The distribution of the fee for concealed pistol licenses is changed. For both original licenses and renewals, the amount that goes to the state general fund is reduced by \$10, and the amount that goes to the local issuing authority is increased by \$10.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 1996.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The bill will allow local governments to come closer to covering the cost of administering the concealed pistol license program.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Delvin, prime sponsor; Kathy Gerke, Association of Washington Cities (pro); Kurt Sharar, Washington State Association of Counties (pro); Brian Judy, National Rifle Association (no position); Joe Waldren, Gun Owners Action League (no position); and Colonel Mel Pfankuche, Colonel Mel Pfankuche & Associates, Inc. (with comments).