



Agency Response to Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the
Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

Virginia Department of State Police

19-VAC 30-190 – Non-resident Concealed Handgun Carry Permit

Virginia State Police

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The Department of State Police (VSP) has reviewed the Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) prepared by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) and submits the following comments:

In the first full paragraph on page four and in the subsection “Effects on the Use and Value of Property” on page six of the EIA, DPB states that “[n]on-residents seeking to carry concealed handguns have a potential to create a serious public safety hazard.” VSP is unaware of any statistic data that would support a claim that those persons who obtain permits and lawfully carry concealed weapons pose a serious public safety hazard.

The subsection entitled “Businesses and Entities Affected” on page six of the EIA would imply that the burden of obtaining a non-resident permit imposes a new requirement on out of state residents desiring to carry a concealed handgun in Virginia. Without the enabling legislation and regulations these persons would not be entitled to carry in Virginia unless they possess a permit already recognized from Virginia. Thus, no new burden is imposed on what was previously lawful conduct. The EIA notes that in the first six months of the program 412 permits were issued. In the first year of the program 725 non-resident permits have been issued by the Department.

With the exceptions noted above the remainder of the EIA appears to be substantially accurate.