

FISCAL NOTE(Form 1)
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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5074
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 AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR POLICEMEN INJURED BY THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF AUTHORIZED SERVICE PISTOLS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Labor and Public Employees

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5074

STATE IMPACT	Potential Significant Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Significant Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Safety, Various State Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill could result in additional costs to both the State and municipalities that could be significant. The bill extends the workers' compensation law to cover police officers who accidentally shoot themselves while putting on or taking off their service pistols at home when getting ready to go on duty or just after returning home from duty. Current workers' compensation law covers both police officers and firefighters from the time they step outside their houses to go to work until they enter their houses on their return. In order to be eligible for benefits under the bill the officer's injury must be caused by a pistol that (1) the department requires or authorizes the possession of at the time of injury and (2) has not been changed from the manufacturer's specifications. While the number of additional injuries eligible for compensation are anticipated to be minimal, just one injury could result in significant costs (depending on its severity).