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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 21FEB25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB566 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Rep. Stefani Lord, Rep. Jimmy G. Mason, Rep. John Block, Rep. William A. Hall, Rep. Harlan Vincent  
**Short Title:** Gun Waiting Period Exemption for Law Enforcement

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: related to HB565 2025 Regular  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

House Bill 566 (HB566) exempts a buyer who is not by law permanently disqualified from possessing a firearm from the required seven-day waiting period for purchase of a firearm if the buyer is (1) a certified law enforcement officer authorized to carry a firearm; (2) a former or retired law enforcement officer who was certified and authorized to carry a firearm; (3) a commissioned law enforcement officer with the power to arrest; or (4) a law enforcement officer of an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo authorized to carry a firearm.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No fiscal implications to DPS.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

No significant issues to DPS.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Law enforcement officers, particularly those authorized to carry firearms and commissioned with the power to arrest, often require immediate access to firearms in the performance of their duties. Exempting these officers from the waiting period allows them to quickly acquire the necessary tools to protect themselves and others, particularly in urgent situations where time is of the essence, such as during active-duty assignments, investigations, or emergencies.

Current, former, and retired law enforcement officers are already subject to rigorous background checks, training, and certification processes that ensure they are capable and qualified to handle firearms. The exemption from the waiting period acknowledges that these officers have already demonstrated their competence and responsibility in using firearms in a professional capacity.

In many states and jurisdictions, law enforcement officers are already exempt from waiting periods when purchasing firearms due to the specific nature of their duties and the extensive training and background checks they undergo. This bill would align the state's practices with other jurisdictions, ensuring consistency and fairness in the treatment of law enforcement personnel.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No administrative implications to DPS.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

2025 HB565 "Law Enforcement Exempt From Gun Buy Waiting Period".

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

No Technical Issues to DPS.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

No other substantive issues to DPS.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo will remain.

### **AMENDMENTS**

None at this time.

