



**House  
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Analysis  
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**RETIRED POLICE: CONCEALED WEAPON FEE**

**House Bill 4182 as introduced**  
**First Analysis (6-15-89)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Richard A. Young**  
**Committee: Appropriations**

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Police officers live under the threat of retaliation from vengeful criminals, and this threat does not disappear once an officer retires. Consequently, many officers find it prudent to carry concealed weapons for continued protection. One way for the public to show its appreciation for police officers and the risks they accept is to relieve retired officers of the need to pay a fee for a concealed weapon license.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would amend Public Act 372 of 1927 to exempt retired police officers from the concealed weapon license fee. The statute sets that fee at \$10, of which \$2 goes to the state and \$8 to the general fund of the county where the license is issued. (A charter county, however, may set its own fee, providing the fee does not exceed the cost of issuing the license.)

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***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

The House Fiscal Agency says that the bill would have no fiscal impact. (6-14-89)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

Police officers put their lives in danger in the course of their work, and threats on their lives often continue after retirement. In essence, an officer's diligence in protecting the public can make it necessary for that officer to continue to carry a weapon after retirement. Carrying a concealed weapon entails paying a license fee of \$10 — not a great deal of money in some contexts, but presumably a significant sum to a retiring or retired police officer on a fixed income. The public could show its appreciation for the services provided by its police by waiving the fee for retired police officers who obtain a license to carry a concealed weapon.

***Response:*** Two dollars of each license fee goes to the state, while the remaining \$8 goes into the general fund of the county where the license is issued. While the sum represented by fees paid by retired police officers cannot be very high, it is uncertain how much some counties may feel the need for that money.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of State Police supports the bill. (6-14-89)

The Detroit Police Officers Association supports the bill. (6-14-89)

The Michigan Sheriffs Association supports the bill. (6-14-89)

The Police Officers Association of Michigan supports the bill. (6-14-89)