

HB 532 provides that the KSP shall issue an original or renewal license if the applicant has NOT been reported to the KSP by:

- a licensed psychologist who practices neuropsychology; or
- a psychiatrist licensed in Kentucky to practice medicine or osteopathy; or
- a medical officer of the United States government while engaged in the practice of official duties, and who is certified or eligible to apply for certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

No other mental health care profession outside of neuropsychology, psychology, or psychiatry is considered in this proposal.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The impact of HB 532 on local governments is expected to be nil to minimal.

According to the National Association of State Legislatures, 45 states including the District of Columbia have enacted legislation regarding possession of a firearm by individuals with mental illnesses. Kentucky is one of six states that has not.

If an applicant is denied, the application fee is not refunded, and the Sheriff retains his \$20 portion of the license application fee.

If local law enforcement is ordered by the KSP Commissioner to seize the license, then costs related to finding the individual and seizing the license would be realized, but still minimal.

Most, if not all, of the effect HB 532 would have on local law enforcement would be classified as routine agency duties.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Franklin County Sheriff Office, Nation Conference of State Legislatures

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