

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4531-01  
Bill No.: HB 1303  
Subject: Veterans; Gambling; Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Missouri Veterans Fund within the Missouri Gaming Commission to accept certain donations by patrons of excursion gambling boats to support Missouri veterans homes.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Missouri Veterans	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Gaming Commission (GAM)** assume the amount of donations that could be generated by this proposal would be dependent upon the generosity of patrons of casinos.

GAM assumes since the proposal involves voluntary donations by casino patrons it is impossible to determine how many patrons would be willing to donate and what the total donation amount transferred to the "Missouri Veterans Fund" would be.

GAM states the number of tickets redeemed at cashier counters and automated redemption centers during calendar year 2011 totaled 22,494,977. This number includes all tickets redeemed.

GAM states the number of tickets redeemed includes those tickets that are less than and equal to \$1.

GAM assumes an unknown fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

Officials at the **Office of the State Auditor (SAU)** estimate that the required duties in relation to this proposal would require an additional 1 FTE in order to perform this annual audit at a cost of \$57,163 in FY2013, \$63,145 in FY 2014, and \$63,777 in FY 2015

**Oversight** assumes the SAU would use existing resources to perform the duties of this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes the SAU already conducts regular audits of all state funds.

**Oversight** assumes any audit resulting from this proposal could be absorbed by the SAU. If the SAU sees an increase in the number of audits required by this proposal or other proposals requiring audits, then the SAU may request additional funding through the normal appropriation process.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Officials at the **Office of Administration - Division of Budget and Planning (BAP)** assumes this proposal would create a Veteran's Fund which will directly receive monies through donations from gambling boat patrons' winnings. The additional funding would not alter the current distribution formula for the Missouri Gaming Commission Fund.

BAP states this legislation would create an increase in the overall state revenue. BAP defers to the Missouri Gaming Commission for a specific estimate on the impact to the Gaming Commission Fund.

BAP assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation on BAP.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the **Missouri Veterans' Commission (VET)** assume an unknown fiscal impact on the "Missouri Veterans Fund" dependent upon the amount of donations.

Officials at the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Officials at the **State Treasurer's Office** assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

**Oversight** assumes the amount of donations received by the "Missouri Veterans Fund" is unknown and cannot be determined.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>MISSOURI VETERANS FUND</b>			
Revenue - Donations from Casino Patrons	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE MISSOURI VETERANS FUND</b>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

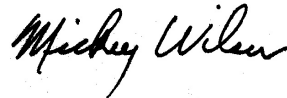
This bill requires the Missouri Gaming Commission within the Department of Public Safety to develop rules within 120 days of the effective date of these provisions to allow patrons of excursion gambling boats to donate all or any portion of their winnings which equal under a full dollar amount to the newly created Veterans Fund. All moneys deposited in the fund must be subject to appropriation but must not be considered general revenue and must not reduce the amount of moneys otherwise appropriated to the commission. All moneys deposited into the fund must be used solely to support Missouri veterans homes.

The State Auditor must conduct an annual audit of the fund and report the findings to the General Assembly, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor no later than 10 business days after its completion.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Missouri Gaming Commission  
Missouri Veterans' Commission  
State Treasurer's Office  
Office of the State Auditor  
Office of Secretary of State  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
Office of Administration -  
    Division of Budget and Planning



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