

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4827-01
Bill No.: HB 1147
Subject: Licenses - Driver's; Fees; Revenue Department
Type: Original
Date: January 24, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal requires driver's license examinations to only be administered in English.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Highway Fund	\$52,580		
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$52,580	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

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).

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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** state this legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume 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 Secretary of State's Office 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, we also recognize 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 our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve 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.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** state this proposed legislation would eliminate the need for paper tests in 11 foreign languages at a translation rate of \$1,000 per language (11 x \$1,000 = \$11,000). These amounts are based on the average prices for services billed in 2002. In addition, seven computerized tests at a translation rate of \$5,940 per test (7 x \$5,940 = \$41,580) would also be eliminated for a total of \$52,580. The charge for the computerized tests was recently estimated by a company currently utilized by the state for translation purposes. This savings is predicted for FY 13 and would occur approximately once every five years when tests are revised and updated.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** state this proposal would require DOR to update information in the printed and web version of the non-commercial license driver guide and update any other web site information related to testing requirements. It is assumed changes to the driver guide will be included upon next review and reorder and will not require additional costs for destruction of the prior manuals and reissuance of updated manuals.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Currently the Missouri State Highway Patrol administers all written and driving skills examinations for non-commercial licensing and the majority of the testing for commercial Driver Licenses.

Driver License Bureau

The proposed changes will require the DOR to draft updates to printed and electronic versions of the driver guide:

FY 13			
Administrative Analyst -	10 hrs @ \$24 (1 ½) per hr	=	\$ 240
Management Analysis Specialist II -	10 hrs @ \$23 per hr	=	\$ 230
Revenue Band Manager -	10 hrs @ \$30 per hr	=	<u>\$ 300</u>
	Total	=	\$ 770

DOR estimates the cost for Personnel Services Bureau to update web site and driver guide information:

FY 14			
Administrative Analyst III	10 hours@ \$22 per hr	=	\$ 220
2 Management Analysis Specialist I -	80 hours@ \$21 per hr	=	<u>\$1,680</u>
	Total	=	\$1,900

Oversight assumes DOR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DOR could absorb the personal service costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
HIGHWAY FUND			
<u>Savings</u> - Missouri State Highway Patrol - Reduction in testing costs	<u>\$52,580</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUND	<u>\$52,580</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2013
(10 Mo.)

FY 2014

FY 2015

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could have a fiscal impact on businesses that provide the interpreter services as well as translators of written material.

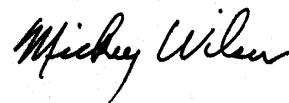
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires Missouri driver's license examinations to only be administered in English so that the applicant can demonstrate his or her ability to sufficiently understand highway traffic signs and safety warnings. The Director of the Department of Revenue cannot supply or permit the use of language interpreters in connection with the required written or driving tests.

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

Department of Revenue
Department of Public Safety
Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules



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