

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3836-03  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1115  
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Courts; Liability  
Type: Original  
Date: March 5, 2004

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<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 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture (AGR)** did not respond to our fiscal note request. In a similar proposal the AGR assumed no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume this proposal would not be expected to fiscally impact the operations of the DOH. The DOH states is a fiscal impact were to result, funds to support the program would be sought through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (6 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (6 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits civil lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of food for any claims arising out of weight gain, obesity, or health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided for certain violations of state and federal law. Rules for pleadings and the procedure for filing a lawsuit pursuant to an exception are specified.

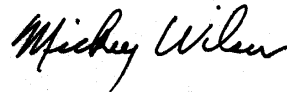
The proposal will become effective on January 1, 2005, and applies to all covered claims pending or filed after that date.

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 Health and Senior Services  
Office of State Courts Administrator

**NOT RESPONDING: Missouri Department of Agriculture**



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