

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Subject: Abortion; Heath Care; Licenses – Motor Vehicle; Physicians
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Highway Fund	(\$27,127) to (\$148,262)	(\$2,300)	(\$2,300)
Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund*	\$195,973 to (unknown)	\$234,723 to (unknown)	\$234,265 to (unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$168,846 to (unknown)	\$232,423 to (unknown)	\$231,965 to (unknown)

*Fund to be created by this act.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Social Services, Attorney General's Office, and State Treasurer's Office** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials with the **Department of Revenue – Division of Motor Vehicle and Drivers Bureau (DVSB)** are unable to determine the exact number of Respect Life license plates that would be issued, but estimate a potential range of applications from 1,300 to 10,000. If the volume of applications for this plate type substantially exceeds 10,000, the department may require additional appropriations.

DVSB noted that prior to 2002, specialty plates were developed, designed and provided to DOR by the Missouri Vocational Enterprises. The Missouri Vocational Enterprises has since contracted with a vendor to now provide all Missouri specialty plates. The costs will be shown for all specialty license plate bills accordingly.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

This contract requires DOR to pay:

- \$250 new plate design set-up fee (if applicable)
- \$50 per modification for a new plate design (if applicable)
- \$80 per revision to existing plate designs (if applicable)
- \$4.50 per plate for freight shipping to DOR

DOR further assumed their agency could incur cost for procedures, mailings to agencies, plates, tabs and storage at the State Data Center. Their agency could need a Clerk Typist II working overtime to process the additional applications. Should application for Respect Life Plates reach the upper limits of DOR's estimated range, DVSB would require 1 Revenue Licensing Technician II for 667 hours of overtime to perform editing, correspondence, validation, key entry, telephone, and customer walk-in assistance.

Officials with **DOR – Information and Technology Bureau (ITB)** assumed that implementing this proposal could require 180 hours of overtime programming to modify the special plate reservation program, the renewal pull program for fees and the Uniform Field Office System.

FY 05 Cost

Form changes and Envelopes	\$677 to \$1,679
Literature	\$1,800
Plate Design (contractor)	\$250
Postage	\$8,536 to \$64,651
Plates and Tabs Actual Cost	\$8,112 to \$62,400
Sample Plates	\$1,275
Storage at State Data Center	\$500
Overtime Compensation–Clerk/Clerical	\$1,756 to \$11,486
Overtime Compensation–Programming	<u>\$4,221</u>
Total	\$27,127 to \$148,262

FY 06 Cost

Literature	\$1,800
Storage at State Data Center	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$2,300

FY 07 Cost

Literature	\$1,800
Storage at State Data Center	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$2,300

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

To implement this legislation, DOR could require additional funds. **Oversight** notes that this legislation permits the General Assembly to appropriate monies annually from the Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund to offset the costs incurred by DOR to implement this legislation. In the past, however, the programs included in this legislation have been paid for with highway funds. This year, however, highway funds may not be available for this purpose as a result of legislation enacted by the General Assembly in 2000 that limits the use of highway funds.

This limitation is found in Section 226.200.3, RSMo. It places a cap on the highway funding available to state departments other than the Department of Transportation. The total amount of highway funds appropriated to these other state departments (including the DOR) cannot exceed the total amount of their fiscal year 2001 highway appropriations. This cap limits the highway funds that will be available for the implementation of this legislation.

If highway funds are not available, then another source of funding must be identified to pay for the cost of implementing this legislation.

Using the range of estimates provided by DOR, **Oversight** assumes revenues into the Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund stemming from the purchases of Respect Life license plates would total \$27,083 to \$208,333 in FY05, \$32,500 to \$250,000 in FY06, and \$32,500 to \$250,000 in FY07.

Officials with the **Office of Administration (OA)** assumed that their agency shall provide all necessary office space, facilities, and equipment. They assume equipment and expense totaling \$54,019 in FY05, \$21,724 in FY06, and \$22,333 in FY07. They also assume rental costs for office space totaling \$17,433 in FY05, \$17,956 in FY06, and \$18,495 in FY07. Included in those totals is travel, meals, and lodging to provided to Respect Life Commission members when they attend meetings. OA assumed costs of \$173,748 in FY05, \$213,711 in FY06, and \$219,053 in FY08 in General Revenue funds to employ a staff of four persons. Such a staff would include an Executive Director, Public Information Coordinator, Research Analyst II, and Senior Office Support Assistant.

Oversight assumes this proposal contains permissive language that would vests an option with the Respect Life Commission as to whether to retain an Executive Director and support staff. Furthermore, the size and positions to be filled by such a staff would be chosen at the discretion of the Respect Life Commission and Executive Director. Therefore, the related costs of establishing an office and maintaining a staff, if any, are not known. **Oversight** assumes that the costs of Respect Life Commission meetings will be paid from the Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
HIGHWAY FUND			
<u>Cost – DOR</u>			
Forms/Publications and Postage	(\$11,013) to (\$68,130)	(\$1,800)	(\$1,800)
Salaries	(\$5,977) to (\$15,707)	\$0	\$0
Storage	(\$500)	(\$500)	(\$500)
Plates and Tabs	(\$9,637) to (\$63,925)	\$0	\$0
<u>Total Cost – DOR</u>	(\$27,127) to <u>(\$148,262)</u>	<u>(\$2,300)</u>	<u>(\$2,300)</u>
NET ESTIMATED EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUND	(\$27,127) to <u>(\$148,262)</u>	<u>(\$2,300)</u>	<u>(\$2,300)</u>

**ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
 SUPPORT FUND***

Revenue – DOR

Respect Life License Plate Use Fees	\$27,083 to <u>\$208,333</u>	\$32,500 to <u>\$250,000</u>	\$32,500 to <u>\$250,000</u>
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Cost – OA

Respect Life Commissioner Travel Expenses	(\$12,360)	(\$15,277)	(\$15,735)
Respect Life Commission Staff Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0 or (unknown)	\$0 or (unknown)	\$0 or (unknown)
Respect Life Commission Office Space and Equipment	\$0 or <u>(unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(unknown)</u>
<u>Total Cost – OA</u>	(\$12,360) to <u>(unknown)</u>	(\$15,277) to <u>(unknown)</u>	(\$15,735) to <u>(unknown)</u>

**NET ESTIMATED EFFECT ON
 ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
 SUPPORT FUND***

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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
<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.

DESCRIPTION

This legislation creates Respect Life license plates, which motor vehicles owners may acquire if they contribute at least \$25 annually (\$50 for biennial registration) to the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Fund, a fund to be created by this act.

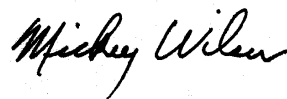
DESCRIPTION (continued)

This act also creates the Respect Life Commission, appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. The Respect Life Commission shall disburse funds of the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Fund and facilitate coordination of abortion alternative efforts and publicize such activities and options. This commission may hire an Executive Director and staff if it chooses, and must submit an annual report of its activities to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, The Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor before December 31 of each year.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue
Office of Administration
Department of Transportation
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services
Attorney General's Office
State Treasurer's Office



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