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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Revenue	(\$15,578,000)	(\$16,431,000)	(\$16,789,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$15,578,000)	(\$16,431,000)	(\$16,789,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assumes that its Division of Taxation would have to add an additional line to its form MO-A for the exempted military pension income amount. Such an addition would require modifications to the MINITS and Speedup systems, with an estimated programming and testing time of 1,384 hours at a rate of \$33.36 per hours for a total cost of \$46,170 in FY 07.

DOR further assumes that additional FTE may be required to handle implementation, increased taxpayer inquiries, and error corrections. DOR states that Personal Tax would need two (2) tax season temporary workers for implementation and three (3) Tax Processing Tech's for error correction and correspondence. Customer Assistance would need three (3) Tax Processing Tech's to handle increased hotline calls and walk-in contacts.

DOR assumes it could handle the necessary programming and any increased volume of work created by this proposal with existing or planned resources. Any necessary additional personnel could be requested through the regular appropriations process.

Officials with the **Department of Public Safety – Missouri Veterans Commission** used U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs data to assume that 31,024 Missouri veterans are currently

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

receiving pension benefits from the U.S. Department of Defense. Such benefits comprise a monthly total of \$45.22 million, resulting in an estimated average annual military pension benefit of \$17,490 per veteran.

Oversight assumes that under present law, individuals with a modified state adjusted gross income of less than \$25,000 or a married couple with a combined income of \$32,000 are eligible for a military pension exemption of up to \$6,000 on their state income tax returns. **Oversight** assumes this proposal would become effective for the tax year beginning January 1, 2005.

Information obtained from the **University of Missouri Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center** indicates an average Missouri individual income tax rate over the five most recent tax years (1999 through 2003) of 4.89%. Over the most recent five year tax periods in which such information is available (1998 through 2003), Missouri taxpayers claimed an average of 40.48% of their federal gross adjusted gross incomes (AGI) as exemptions and deductions. Applying that rate to \$542.6 million results in \$322.96 million of taxable military pension income.

Oversight further assumes that military pension incomes will increase of approximately 2% per year. At an average tax rate of 4.89%, the net reduction in income tax revenues to the General Revenue Fund would approximate \$15.58 million in FY06 (\$553.46 million of inflation-adjusted military pension AGI less 40.48% in deductions and exemptions taxed at an average rate of 4.89%), \$16.43 million in FY07 (\$564.53 million of inflation-adjusted military pension AGI less 40.48% in deductions and exemptions taxed at an average rate of 4.89%) and \$16.79 million in FY08 (\$576.84 million of inflation-adjusted military pension AGI less 40.48% in deductions and exemptions taxed at an average rate of 4.89%).

This legislation will decrease Total State Revenues.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (6 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Loss</u> – General Revenue			
Military Pension Exemptions	(\$15,578,000)	(\$16,431,000)	(\$16,789,000)
TOTAL ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$15,578,000)</u>	<u>(\$16,431,000)</u>	<u>(\$16,789,000)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2006
(6 Mo.)

FY 2007

FY 2008

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

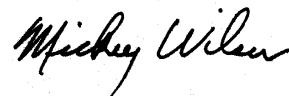
DESCRIPTION

This legislation authorizes an individual income tax deduction for any military retirement benefits received by a taxpayer that has not already been deducted or excluded from his or her federal adjusted gross income. The current limited deduction for military retirement benefits is removed in lieu of the full deduction.

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
Missouri Veterans Commission
University of Missouri
Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center



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