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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	(\$16,712)	(\$16,712)	(\$16,712)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$16,712)	(\$16,712)	(\$16,712)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Children's Trust Fund	(\$20,890)	(\$20,890)	(\$20,890)
Cemetery Endowment Fund	(\$4,178)	(\$4,178)	(\$4,178)
Missouri Public Health Services Fund	(\$12,534)	(\$12,534)	(\$12,534)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(\$37,602)	(\$37,602)	(\$37,602)

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	(\$650,000)	(\$650,000)	(\$650,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Veterans Commission** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state there were 16,714 death records issued from the bureau of Vital Records in the DOH. DOH estimates that 25% of these were for veterans based on the field on the death certificate marked "served in the U. S. Armed Forces". This would mean that there would be lost revenue on 4,178 records per year. The breakdown for revenue on a death record of \$13.00 is as follows:

General Revenue: $\$4.00 \times 4,178 = \$16,712$.

MOPHS: $\$3.00 \times 4,178 = \$12,534$.

Children's Trust Fund: $\$5.00 \times 4,178 = \$20,890$.

Cemetery Endowment Fund: $\$1.00 \times 4,178 = \$4,178$.

This totals \$54,314 in lost revenue per year to the State.

DOH states there would also be an impact to the local public health agencies. DOH estimates there are 200,000 death certificates issued locally annually. Based on the same 25% being for veterans, the Department estimates a local revenue loss of \$650,000 ($50,000 \times \13.00).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Loss</u> —Department of Health and Senior Services			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$16,712)</u>	<u>(\$16,712)</u>	<u>(\$16,712)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$16,712)</u>	<u>(\$16,712)</u>	<u>(\$16,712)</u>
CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND			
<u>Loss</u> —Department of Health and Senior Services			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$20,890)</u>	<u>(\$20,890)</u>	<u>(\$20,890)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND	<u>(\$20,890)</u>	<u>(\$20,890)</u>	<u>(\$20,890)</u>
CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND			
<u>Loss</u> —Department of Health and Senior Services			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$4,178)</u>	<u>(\$4,178)</u>	<u>(\$4,178)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND	<u>(\$4,178)</u>	<u>(\$4,178)</u>	<u>(\$4,178)</u>
MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND			
<u>Loss</u> —Department of Health and Senior Services			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$12,534)</u>	<u>(\$12,534)</u>	<u>(\$12,534)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND	<u>(\$12,534)</u>	<u>(\$12,534)</u>	<u>(\$12,534)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
LOCAL FUNDS			
<u>Loss--Local Public Health Agencies</u>			
Loss on Death Certificate fees	<u>(\$650,000)</u>	<u>(\$650,000)</u>	<u>(\$650,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS	<u>(\$650,000)</u>	<u>(\$650,000)</u>	<u>(\$650,000)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

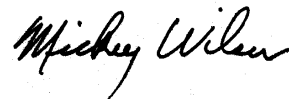
This proposal prohibits a person from charging a veteran's immediate family a fee for copying the veteran's death certificate if the copies are to be used by the family to file for benefits.

The family member must provide a written notarized statement specifying the exact number of copies needed and indicating how many will be used to file for benefits.

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 Public Safety
Department of Health and Senior Services



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