

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4701-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1600  
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.; Property, Real and Personal  
Type: Original  
Date: April 25, 2006

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<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 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (DOA)** assume this proposal will require district state veterinarians of the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animals Health to examine and determine if farm animals weighing more than 50 lbs are in imminent danger of loss of life. The district state veterinarians will be required to quarantine the remainder of the herd and follow up to verify improvement to the conditions before the quarantine is released. Additional time may be required of these district state veterinarians if legal action is taken against the owner of the animals in question.

The number of cases where a district state veterinarian would be required to examine, quarantine, follow up or assist with any legal action is unknown. The Division of Animal Health will attempt to absorb the cost of the additional requirements as outlined in the proposal with existing funds and personnel.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Missouri Highway Patrol, and Office of State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact to their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<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

Currently, any neglected or abused animal may be impounded. This bill requires that a farm animal weighing more than 50 pounds not be impounded until the district state veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture has examined the animal and determined the animal to be in imminent danger of loss of life. The remainder of the farm animals are to be quarantined until the owner has been instructed to correct the animal abuse violation. If within 30 days of the issuance of the warrant, a good faith attempt to correct the condition has not been made and approved by the veterinarian during a required follow-up visit, the animals may be impounded or destroyed.

If abused or neglected farm animals in the possession of a caregiver are impounded, the authority having custody of the animals is required to make a diligent effort to notify the owner in writing that the animals are impounded.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture  
Department of Public Safety  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
Office of State Courts Administrator

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