

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1206-01
Bill No.: HB 354
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Entertainment, Sports and Amusements; property, Real and Personal
Type: Original
Date: February 21, 2007

Bill Summary: Allows all residents of this state access to lands owner, managed or funded by the State of Missouri for the purpose of riding horses or mules.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Conservation Commission Funds	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)
Various Other State Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume this proposal would have significant impact on MDC funds, since it would increase costs to manage conservation areas for riding horses and mules. The exact amount of impact is unknown, but is estimated to be as much as \$3 million annually and would jeopardize federal aid funding.

Officials with the **Department of Natural Resources** assume this proposal could have a significant fiscal and environmental impact on the department. It is unknown how many equestrians would choose to ride in the state parks. Whether individual equestrians, small groups, or large groups chose to ride in the parks would determine the level of impact that could occur. The financial impact could include not only maintenance and repair costs, but also ecological costs to natural and wilderness areas. Besides the monetary costs, this proposal may also cause user conflict and could raise a potential liability issue if an accident occurs with a non-equestrian park visitor.

Parks lands are designated for different purposes and uses. Through classification the department is able to accommodate different kinds of user groups, and locate them where the impacts and maintenance may be best managed.

This proposal would allow equestrians to ride anywhere not specifically excluded. In doing so it raises the potential for ecological overuse and trail damages to natural and wilderness areas including soil erosion, trampling, and water quality issues.

Monetary costs could include maintenance or repair of new trails and travelways, which could divert money away from the department's existing equestrian parks.

Currently the department has the following facilities to accommodate our equestrian visitors:

Facilities with existing equestrian trails:

Babler

Baker

Castlewood

Crowder

Cuivre River

Johnson's Shut-Ins

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Katy Trail
Knob Noster
Lake of the Ozarks
Lake Wappapello - this connects with Ozark trail (100 miles of trail).
Rock Bridge
Rt. 66
St. Francois
St. Joe
Trail of Tears
Watkins Woolen Mill

Facilities with existing equestrian campgrounds:

Baker
Cuivre River
Knob Noster
St. Joe

Facilities with existing stables:

Babler -- not currently in operation
Lake of the Ozarks
Roaring River -- not currently in operation

Facilities with proposed addition/expansion of equestrian amenities:

Johnson's Shut-Ins -- equestrian campground
Lake Wappapello -- provide equestrian trailhead and campground
Robertsville -- equestrian trail and trailhead
Mark Twain -- equestrian campground and trailhead to connect to Corps of Engineers equestrian trail

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS			
<u>Cost</u> - Equipment & Expense	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)	(Unknown to \$3,000,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS	<u>(Unknown to \$3,000,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown to \$3,000,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown to \$3,000,000)</u>
OTHER STATE FUNDS			
Park Sales Tax Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
State Park Earnings Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Meramec-Onondaga State Parks Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Babler State Park Fund	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<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.

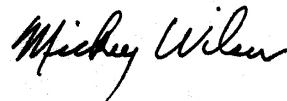
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have an impact on Conservation Commission Funds and other state park funds.

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 Conservation
Department of Natural Resources



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