

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3714-01
Bill No.: HB 1648
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.; Property, Real and Personal
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Bill Summary: Changes the laws regarding the impoundment of an animal suspected of being neglected or abused.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue	(\$98,298)	(\$118,353)	(\$121,904)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$98,298)	(\$118,353)	(\$121,904)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue	1	1	1
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1	1	1



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 **Office of Administration - Division of Budget & Planning, Department of Public Safety, Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of State Courts Administrator and Office of Prosecution Services** assume no fiscal impact to their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assume the responsibility of this proposal is currently placed with local authorities but with the added language AGR will be required to examine and inspect said livestock for abuse, work with owners, local authorities, legal authorities and organizations to resolve violations.

Currently these cases are handled by local authorities whether it be the local humane society, a rescue organization or other local authorities. According to the Humane Society of Missouri they handle approximately 900 cases per year involving animals as described in this proposal. This includes making the initial contact, having the animals inspected, working with owners, local practitioners and local agencies to provide care and food for the animals as well as legal issues. The amount of time spent on any single case is not available.

For the AGR to handle any of these cases, it will require a tremendous additional burden on current field staff to respond and carry out the provisions of the proposal and current duties.

For the district veterinarian of the AGR, this proposal would require them to examine impounded animals, determine if the farm animal to be in imminent danger of loss of life, instruct the owner or owners of such animals in writing to correct the conditions that are in violation of 578.012, conduct follow-up visits to document the improvement of the condition or conditions outlined in the quarantine, and possibly provide testimony in court.

With this proposal at least one additional district veterinarian would be required to assist with the added responsibility as well as current duties. Additionally, during an animal health emergency or disease outbreak, resources may not be available to carry out the provisions of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - Department of Agriculture</u>			
Salaries	(\$39,315)	(\$48,593)	(\$50,051)
Fringe Benefits	(\$17,385)	(\$21,488)	(\$22,133)
Equipment & Expense	<u>(\$41,598)</u>	<u>(\$48,272)</u>	<u>(\$49,720)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$98,298)</u>	<u>(\$118,353)</u>	<u>(\$121,904)</u>
Estimated net FTE Change for General Revenue	1	1	1
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<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.

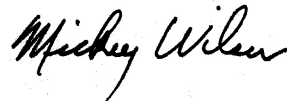
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation changes the laws regarding the impoundment of an animal suspected of being neglected or abuses and may have an impact on general revenue.

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 Agriculture
Department of Public Safety
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of Administration
 Division of Budget & Planning
Office of State Courts Administration
Office of Prosecution Services

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