

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3478-01
Bill No.: HB 1231
Subject: Licenses - Drivers; Revenue Department
Type: Original
Date: February 9, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal requires Missouri driver's examinations to be administered in English.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Highway Fund	\$0	\$46,000	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$46,000	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of Director, Department of Transportation**, and the **Department of Revenue** state this proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the proposal. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** state this proposed legislation would eliminate the need for paper tests in 11 foreign languages at a translation rate of \$1,000 per language ($11 \times \$1,000 = \$11,000$) in addition to 7 computerized tests at a translation rate of \$5,000 per test ($7 \times \$5,000 = \$35,000$) for a total of \$46,000. The projected cost savings of \$46,000 would first appear in FY12 and would occur approximately once every five years when tests are revised and updated.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
HIGHWAY FUND			
<u>Savings</u> - Missouri State Highway Patrol - reduction in testing costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$46,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$46,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2011
(10 Mo.)

FY 2012

FY 2013

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could have a negative fiscal impact on businesses that provide interpreter services as well as translators of written material.

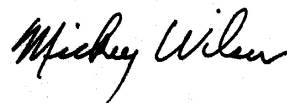
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires Missouri driver's license examinations to be administered in English so that the applicant can demonstrate his or her ability to sufficiently understand highway traffic signs and safety warnings. The Director of the Department of Revenue cannot supply or permit the use of language interpreters in connection with the required written and driving tests.

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
Office of the Director
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Department of Revenue
Office of Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division
Department of Transportation



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