

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0842H.011  
 Bill No.: HB 424  
 Subject: Motor Vehicles; Fees; Licenses - Motor Vehicle  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to Department of Revenue fee offices and establishes the "License Office Distribution Fund".

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Revenue	(\$35,198)	\$41,019	\$41,019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$35,198)</b>	<b>\$41,019</b>	<b>\$41,019</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Highway Fund	\$2,158,013	\$2,589,615	\$2,589,615
License Office Distribution Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other State Funds</u></b>	<b>\$2,158,013</b>	<b>\$2,589,615</b>	<b>\$2,589,615</b>

\*Revenue and costs net to zero. Officials from the Department of Revenue (DOR) estimate the annual distribution per open contract offices from License Office Distribution Fund would be \$47,269.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$719,338</b>	<b>\$863,205</b>	<b>\$863,205</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

#### Administrative Impact

To implement these provisions for permit, driver license and nondriver license processing fees, the Department would be required to:

- Complete project request and monitoring documentation as required by OA ITSD for systems projects.
- Complete business requirements and design documents to modify the Missouri Electronic Driver License (MEDL) issuance system;
- Update the Missouri Transportation Accounting System (MTAS) and related tables used by the Missouri Electronic Driver License system (MEDL);
- Complete programming and user acceptance testing of the Missouri Electronic Driver License (MEDL) system to ensure system update with the required fee increase;
- Update policies, procedures, and the Uniform License Issuance Manual (ULIM);
- Update forms, manuals, and the Department website;
- Create new procedures, training manuals, notices, and forms;
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- Update associated fee charts, and the Department website;
- Update the Dealer Operating Manual;
- Update the Missouri Titling Manual;
- Send communications to contracted license offices and other contracted stakeholders;
- Complete programming and user acceptance testing;
- Update the Missouri Transportation Accounting System (MTAS) tables; and
- Train internal and contract license office staff.

#### FY 2024 Driver License Bureau

Research/Data Assistant 160 hrs. x \$17.20 = \$2,752

Research/Data Analyst 200 hrs. x \$25.63 = \$5,126

Administrative Manager 40 hrs. x \$27.82 = \$1,113

#### FY 2024 Personnel Services Bureau

Associate Research/Data Analyst 20 hrs. x \$20.54 = \$411

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FY 2024 – Motor Vehicle Bureau

Research/Data Analyst 288 Hrs @ \$24.84/hr = \$7,154  
Associate Research/Data Analyst 673 Hrs @ \$19.90/hr. = \$13,393  
Lead Administrative Support Asst. 20 Hrs @ \$17.05 = \$341  
Administrative Manager 89 Hrs @ \$26.96 = \$2,399

FY 2024 – Strategy and Communications Office

Associate Research/Data Analyst 1,000 hrs. @ \$19.90/hr. = \$19,900

Total Cost = **\$53,000**

**Oversight** assumes DOR will use existing staff and will not hire additional FTE to conduct these activities; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the administrative costs DOR has indicated on the fiscal note.

**DOR** notes OA-ITSD services will be required at a cost of **\$69,381** in FY 2024 (730.32 hours x \$95 per hour).

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary in regards to DOR’s assumptions; therefore, Oversight will reflect DOR’s OA-ITSD costs on the fiscal note.

**DOR** notes the fiscal impact estimated above is based on changes in the current MO Electronic Driver License System and supporting application. The implementation of this legislation will be coordinated with the integration of the Department’s Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing software system approved and passed by the General Assembly in 2020 (Senate Bill 176). To avoid duplicative technology development and associated costs to the state, it is recommended a delayed effective date be added to this bill to correlate with the installation of the new system.

Revenue Impact

**DOR** notes the proposed processing fee increases in §136.055, RSMo, will also be applied to transactions occurring in Department operated “Branch” licensing offices (DOR central site.)

Central Office (retained by the state)

Estimated Annual Increase for Permits, Driver License, or Non-driver License Issued (Highway Fund 75%, Cities 15% & Counties 10%):

1,428	Estimated annual 0-3 year transaction processing fees in DOR Branch Office
x \$3.00	Amount of fee increase from proposed change from \$6.00 to \$9.00
\$ 4,284	Estimated annual increase in DOR branch office processing fees

5,452	Estimated annual 3-6 3 year transaction processing fees in DOR Branch Office
<u>x \$6.00</u>	Amount of fee increase proposed from \$12.00 to \$18.00
\$32,712	Estimated annual increase in DOR branch office processing fees

$\$32,712 + \$4,284 = \$36,996$

Estimated Annual Increase for State office title, registration issuance/renewal, online registration renewal, phone in registration renewal, and registration transfers issued (**Highway Fund 75%, Cities 15% & Counties 10%**):

1,138,608	Estimated annual Motor Vehicle (MV) in DOR Branch Office
<u>x \$3.00</u>	Amount of fee increase from proposed change from \$6.00 to \$9.00
<b>\$3,415,824</b>	Estimated annual increase in DOR branch office processing fees

Total annual increase to Highway Fund from increase in DOR branch office processing fee collections = **\$3,452,820** (**\$36,996 + \$3,415,824**)

Estimated Annual Increase for Notice of Lien and Duplicate Titles (**General Revenue**):

13,673	Estimated annual 3-6 3 year transaction processing fees in DOR Branch Office
<u>x \$3.00</u>	Amount of fee increase proposed from \$6.00 to \$9.00
<b>\$41,019</b>	Estimated annual increase in DOR branch office processing fees

#### License Office Fee Increases

Estimates are based on Missouri Transportation Accounting System Driver License Transaction reporting totals for FY 2022

Permits, Driver License, or Non-driver License Issued:

352,500	Total 0-3 year transactions
<u>x \$2.00</u>	Proposed agent transaction processing fee collection increase for 0- 3 year term transactions changing fee from \$6.00 to \$9.00, less \$1.00 to be remitted to License Office Distribution Fund
<b>\$705,000</b>	Total Estimated increase to agent processing fees for 3 year transactions annually

983,966	Total 3-6 year transactions
<u>x \$5.00</u>	Proposed agent transaction processing fee collection increase for 3- 6 year term transactions changing fee from \$12.00 to \$18.00, less \$1.00 to be remitted to License Office Distribution Fund

**\$4,919,830** Total estimated agent fee collection increase for 3-6yr transactions

**\$5,624,830** Total estimated statewide annual contract office revenue increase from portion of proposed processing fee **not** distributed to new License Office Distribution Fund from Driver License Transactions (\$705,000 + \$4,919,830)

Estimated annual License Office Distribution Fund remittance derived from \$1 of each office processing fee collected for driver license transactions:

352,500 Total 0-3 year transactions  
x \$1.00 Proposed \$1.00 portion of proposed agent fee increase to be remitted to License Office Distribution Fund

**\$352,500** Total estimated statewide agent fee \$1 remittance to new fund

983,966 Total 3-6 year transactions  
x \$1.00 Proposed \$1.00 of total proposed agent fee increase to be remitted to the License Office Distribution Fund

**\$983,966** Total estimated statewide agent fee \$1 remittance to new fund

**\$1,336,466** Total estimated statewide annual amount remitted to and to be distributed from the proposed License Office Distribution Fund from Driver License Transactions

Motor Vehicle (MV) Transactions:

6,935,666 Total MV transactions  
x \$2.00 Proposed agent transaction processing fee collection increase for MV transactions changing fee from \$6.00 to \$9.00, less \$1.00 to be remitted to License Office Distribution Fund

**\$13,871,322** Total estimated statewide annual contract office revenue increase from portion of proposed processing fee **not** distributed to new License Office Distribution Fund from MV transactions

6,935,666 Total Motor Vehicle (MV) Transactions  
x \$1.00 Proposed \$1.00 portion of proposed agent fee increase to be remitted to License Office Distribution Fund

**\$6,935,666** Total estimated statewide annual amount remitted to and to be distributed from the proposed License Office Distribution Fund from Driver License Transactions from MV Transactions

License Office Distribution Fund projections (\$1 per transaction) \$6,935,666 + \$1,336,466 =  
**\$8,272,132**

Total estimated statewide annual amount remitted to and to be distributed from the proposed License Office Distribution Fund:

\$8,272,132 Estimated revenue into the License Office Distribution Fund  
 / 175 Number of possible contract license offices  
**\$47,269** Estimated annual distribution per open contract offices from License Office Distribution Fund

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by DOR.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – DOR – increased fees for notice of lien and duplicate titles p. 5	\$34,183	\$41,019	\$41,019
<u>Cost</u> – DOR – OA-ITSD services p. 4	<u>(\$69,381)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$35,198)</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,019</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,019</u></b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – DOR – increased fees for driver license transactions p. 5	\$23,123	\$27,747	\$27,747
<u>Revenue</u> – DOR – increased fees for motor vehicle transactions p. 5	<u>\$2,134,890</u>	<u>\$2,561,868</u>	<u>\$2,561,868</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b><u>\$2,158,013</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,589,615</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,589,615</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>LICENSE OFFICE DISTRUBTION FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – increased fees for driver license transactions p. 6	\$1,113,722	\$1,336,466	\$1,336,466
<u>Revenue</u> – increased fees for motor vehicle transactions p. 6	\$5,779,722	\$6,935,666	\$6,935,666
<u>Transfer Out</u> – to license contract offices p. 7	(\$6,893,444)	(\$8,272,132)	(\$8,272,132)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE LICENSE OFFICE DISTRIBUTION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – Cities (15%) – increased fees for driver license transactions p. 5	\$4,625	\$5,549	\$5,549
<u>Revenue</u> – Cities (15%) – increased fees for motor vehicle transactions p. 5	\$426,978	\$512,374	\$512,374
<u>Revenue</u> – Counties (10%) – increased fees for driver license transactions p. 5	\$3,083	\$3,700	\$3,700
<u>Revenue</u> – Counties (10%) – increased fees for motor vehicle transactions p. 5	<u>\$284,652</u>	<u>\$341,582</u>	<u>\$341,582</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>\$719,338</u></b>	<b><u>\$863,205</u></b>	<b><u>\$863,205</u></b>



FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small license contract offices will be positively impacted while other small businesses that are required to license and title vehicles will pay more as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "License Office Distribution Fund", which consists of certain moneys collected by motor vehicle registration fee offices, and which will be distributed equally among the fee offices in four quarterly disbursements.

The bill increases the following fees authorized to be charged by motor vehicle registration offices:

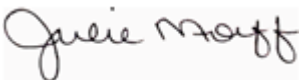
- 1) A motor vehicle or trailer registration issued, renewed or transferred, increases to \$9 from \$6; and a license sold or biennially renewed, increases to \$18 from \$12;
- 2) An application or transfer of title, increases to \$9 from \$6;
- 3) An instruction permit, non-driver license, chauffeur's, operator's, or driver's license issued for a period of three years or less, increases to \$9 from \$6; and a license or instruction permit issued or renewed for a period exceeding three years, increases to \$18 from \$12; and
- 4) A notice of lien processed, increases to \$9 from \$6.

One dollar from each of these fee increases will be remitted to the License Office Distribution Fund.


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

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