

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0176H.04C  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 378  
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Licenses - Motor Vehicle; Law Enforcement Officers and  
Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: February 16, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to temporary license plates.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §301.140 – Temporary Vehicle Registrations

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

#### Motor Vehicle Bureau

With the proposed legislation giving more serious ramifications for operating a vehicle on an expired temporary permit, the Department anticipates an increase in vehicle registration transactions. An increase in registration transactions could be accompanied by a surge in phone calls, correspondence letters, emails, etc. The Department anticipates that they will be able to absorb these costs and that there will be minimal impact. If multiple bills are passed that require department resources, FTE may be requested through the appropriations process.

**Oversight** assumes DOR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DOR could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DOR assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** notes the proposal includes a fine of \$250 if a temporary permit is expired by at least 70 days or a temporary permit has been altered. Oversight cannot determine how many vehicles with temporary permits will be stopped to be inspected by law enforcement; therefore, Oversight will assume an “Unknown” fiscal impact. Oversight assumes this fiscal impact will exceed \$250,000 as only 1,000 drivers will need to be fined to exceed that threshold. Fines are distributed to the school district where the violation occurred. For simplicity, Oversight will not reflect the possibility that fine revenue paid to school districts may act as a subtraction in the foundation formula.

**Oversight** notes, based on information provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator, there were 21,319 misdemeanor guilty dispositions of failing to register a motor vehicle (§301.020) in FY 2024.

Officials from the **Missouri Highway Patrol** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation** and **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the **Phelps County Sheriff, Kansas City Police Department, Branson Police Department** and **St. Louis County Police Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other law enforcement agencies were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – §301.140.10 - penalty fees for expired temporary permits	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

\*Oversight assumes the revenue could exceed \$250,000 due to the \$250 fine and number of vehicles with currently expired temporary permits

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

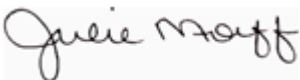
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes law enforcement officers to stop and inspect someone solely to determine whether a temporary permit is current. If it has expired, the law enforcement officer must seize the expired temporary permit and assess a penalty of \$250.

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 Revenue  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
Phelps County Sheriff  
Kansas City Police Department  
St. Louis County Police Department  
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