

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4917H.01I
Bill No.: HB 1798
Subject: Licenses - Driver's
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Missouri driver's license written examination to be administered in English and prohibits the use of translators.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§302.173 – Driver’s License Examination Provision

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

From November 11, 2024, through November 11, 2025, the department shows that 555,126 written examinations were administered. Of those, 52,487 were administered in a language other than English or American Sign Language.

Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed legislation, the Department will:

- Update driver guide;
- Update website information; and
- Update interactive applications for automated responses to customers through online system (DORA).

FY 2027 – Driver License Bureau

Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. x \$37.14 per hr. = \$ 1,486

Administrative Manager 40 hrs. x \$51.40 per hr. = \$ 2,056

FY 2027 – Strategy and Communications Office (forms and website updates)

Associate Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. x \$31.16 per hr. = \$ 1,246

Total = \$4,788

The Department anticipates this will be minimal impact and can be absorbed with existing staff.

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 **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state during the past 12-month period, 50,886 written exams were administered in 18 languages other than English. Of that number, 7,194 of these applicants (14%) passed the Class F written exam. The number of Class F exams given in foreign languages represents 9.3% of the total number of exams given statewide during the same period (546,807).

Officials from the **MHP** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Upon further inquiry, **Oversight** notes the MHP currently does not incur costs for translation services; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the MHP.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation** 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 for these agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses with employees that are required to have a class F license may be impacted as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the written portion of the test for a commercial driver's license or permit must be taken in English, and no translators are allowed for the test.

This bill extends those requirements to non-commercial driver's licenses.

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

Department of Public Safety

Missouri Highway Patrol

Missouri Department of Transportation



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