

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6206H.02P
Bill No.: Perfected HB 2885
Subject: Water Patrol; Boats and Watercraft; Lakes, Rivers and Waterways
Type: Original
Date: April 8, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal requires all proceeds from boating registrations to be deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund and used exclusively for the Water Patrol Division.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	Less than (\$1,000,000)	Less than (\$1,000,000)	Less than (\$1,000,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	Less than (\$1,000,000)	Less than (\$1,000,000)	Less than (\$1,000,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Water Patrol Division Fund (1400)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

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 <u>All</u> 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

§306.030 – Water Patrol Division

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** and **Missouri Department of Transportation** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Department of Revenue** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes this proposal removes the requirement that the first \$1 million collected from vessel registration fees is deposited into General Revenue; instead, all fees collected shall be deposited into the Water Patrol Division Fund starting August 28, 2026.

Oversight notes, per the Department of Revenue, the following amounts have been deposited into the Water Patrol Division Fund (1400):

FY 2025	\$3,728,599
FY 2024	\$3,796,806
FY 2023	\$3,802,725

Oversight will reflect a revenue gain of \$1,000,000 per fiscal year to the Water Patrol Division Fund and a corresponding loss to General Revenue.

Oversight notes there was a balance of \$2,188,081 in the Water Patrol Division Fund as of January 31, 2026.

§306.127 – Boating Safety Identification Card (HA 3)

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (DPS-MHP)** assume the proposed changes to Section 306.127 expand the boating safety identification card requirements from only lakes to all waters of the state. Fees collected from boating safety identification cards are deposited into the General Revenue fund, with the exception of temporary boating safety cards, which are deposited into the Water Patrol Division fund. The Patrol is unable to determine the number of potential boaters required to obtain a boater identification card.

Oversight assumes there could be an increase in revenue due to more people being required to obtain boater safety identification cards; therefore, Oversight will reflect an “Unknown” increase to the General Revenue Fund. Oversight assumes this increase will not exceed \$250,000.

Oversight notes, currently boater safety identification cards cost \$15. Oversight assumes there will be a minimal increase in temporary boater safety identification cards; therefore, Oversight will not reflect a fiscal impact to the Water Patrol Division Fund for §306.127.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Revenue Gain</u> (§306.127) – increase of required boater safety identification cards (HA 3) p.3	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Revenue Loss</u> (§306.030) – First \$1M no longer transferred to GR p.3	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>Less than (\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$1,000,000)</u>
WATER PATROL DIVISION FUND (1400)			
<u>Revenue Gain</u> – MHP (§306.030) First \$1M no longer transferred to GR p.3	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE WATER PATROL DIVISION FUND	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</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

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the first one million dollars collected annually from registration fees for watercraft is deposited in the General Revenue Fund, and all remaining money is deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund.

This bill requires all money collected from registration fees for watercraft after June 30, 2026, to be deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund.

This proposal also requires any person born after January 1, 2006 to have a boating safety identification card on any vessel they are operating on all waters of the state.

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

Missouri Highway Patrol
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