

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6206H.02T  
 Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed HB 2885  
 Subject: Water Patrol; Boats and Watercraft; Lakes, Rivers and Waterways  
 Type: Original  
 Date: June 18, 2026

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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 (\$833,333)	Less than (\$1,000,000)	Less than (\$1,000,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>Less than (\$833,333)</b>	<b>Less than (\$1,000,000)</b>	<b>Less than (\$1,000,000)</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Water Patrol Division Fund (1400)	\$833,333	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$833,333</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §306.030 – Water Patrol Division

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** assume the proposed changes to Section 306.030 modify where boat registration fees are forwarded. Current law has the first one million deposited into General Revenue with the remaining being deposited into the Water Patrol Division Fund. The proposal would shift all boat registration fees directly to the Water Patrol Division Fund for use on boating safety initiatives.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** and **Missouri Department of Transportation** 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** 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. FY 2027 will be a partial year.

Oversight notes there was a balance of \$2,462,663 in the Water Patrol Division Fund as of May 31, 2026.

#### §306.127 – Boating Safety Identification Card

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
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Revenue Gain</u> (§306.127) – increase of required boater safety identification cards p.4	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Revenue Loss</u> (§306.030) – First \$1M no longer transferred to GR p.3	(\$833,333)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>Less than (\$833,333)</b>	<b>Less than (\$1,000,000)</b>	<b>Less than (\$1,000,000)</b>
<b>WATER PATROL DIVISION FUND (1400)</b>			
<u>Revenue Gain</u> – MHP (§306.030) First \$1M no longer transferred to GR p.3	\$833,333	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE WATER PATROL DIVISION FUND</b>	<b>\$833,333</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES (Section 306.030)

Currently, the first \$1 million 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 August 28, 2026, to be deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund.

BOATING SAFETY IDENTIFICATION CARDS (Section 306.127)

Currently, individuals born after January 1, 1984, who operate a vessel on the lakes of this State, are required to have a boater safety identification card issued by the Water Patrol Division.

Beginning January 1, 2027, this bill changes that requirement so that every person born on or after January 1, 2006, operating a vessel on the waters of this State must have a boating safety identification card issued by the Water Patrol Division which shows that such person has: successfully completed a boating safety course, as specified in the bill; successfully passed an equivalency examination; or has a license issued by the United States Coast Guard.

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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