

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6579H.04C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 3175
Subject: Licenses - Motor Vehicle
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a process in which persons registering a motor vehicle may apply for a designation indicating a health condition or disability that limits or impairs the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$225,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$225,000)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Highway Fund	(\$87,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(\$87,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)

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

§301.287 – Persons with Impaired or Limited Ability to Communicate with Law Enforcement (Mason’s Law)

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

Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed language the department will be required to:

- Design a new form
- Update the department’s website
- Create correspondence letters
- Create procedures
- Train department staff

Because of the limited timeframe between the proposed language’s effective date and the anticipated integration of motor vehicle processes into the FUSION system, implementation of this bill will coincide with the launch of the modernized system.

FY 2027 – Motor Vehicle Bureau

Associate Research/Data Analyst 150 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$4,674

Research/Data Analyst 50 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,857

Administrative Manager 40 hrs. @ \$51.40/hr. =\$2,056

FY 2027 – Strategy & Communications Office

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

Research/Data Analyst 50 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,857

Total = \$11,690

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.

FUSION Impact

DOR notes: 500 hours of Development + 500 hours of Testing @ \$225/hr. = **\$225,000**

Development includes:

- Integrate disability status into existing vehicle registration transactions (new registration, renewal, registration correction)
- New standalone transaction to allow adding/modifying/renewing the disability status
- eService request to add/update/remove/renew
- Define system rules for reapplication letter
- Updates to MULES interface

The fiscal impact estimated above is based on changes in the current Department's Motor Vehicle system environment. 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.

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

Officials from the **Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** assume they would need to upgrade the Missouri Law Enforcement System (MULES) to comply with provisions of the proposed legislation. These costs, explained below, would be from the Highway Fund (1644), and are anticipated to be:

Developer Cost (500 hours @ \$175.00) - \$87,500
Annual Maintenance Fee - \$17,500

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

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Safety-Office of the Director, 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 that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local law enforcement agencies were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not.

Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DOR (§301.287) FUSION p.3-4</u>	<u>(\$225,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$225,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
HIGHWAY FUND (1644)			
<u>Cost – MHP (§301.287) MULES programming changes p.4</u>	<u>(\$87,500)</u>	<u>(\$17,500)</u>	<u>(\$17,500)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE HIGHWAY FUND	<u>(\$87,500)</u>	<u>(\$17,500)</u>	<u>(\$17,500)</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

This bill establishes "Mason's Law".

The bill allows a resident of this State who has a health condition or disability that limits or impairs their ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement to apply to the Department of Revenue for a designation that will be associated with the person's license plate number and made available to law enforcement under the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES).

The application must be made on a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue and must be signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant or their child, parent, or spouse has such a condition or disability and will have the condition or disability for at least five years.

This bill requires the Department of Revenue to notify the Highway Patrol of approved applications. The Highway Patrol must prepare an entry in MULES that indicates the applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse has a physical or mental health condition that may impair the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement. The entry will remain active for five years unless the applicant requests its removal. The entry in MULES may be reactivated for another period of five years upon submission of a renewal form signed by a physician meeting the same requirements as the original application.

The Department of Public Safety must issue guidance and education materials to all law enforcement agencies in the State to promote awareness of the designation established in the bill. Rulemaking authority is granted to the Department of Revenue to implement the provisions of this bill.

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
 Director's Office
 Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services
Office of the Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Phelps County Sheriff
Kansas City Police Department
St. Louis County Police Department
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