

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0041-10  
Bill No.: HCS for SS for SCS for SBs 37, 322, 78, 351, & 424  
Subject: Alcohol and Controlled Substances; Drunk Driving and Boating; Crimes and Punishment  
Type: Original  
Date: May 10, 2005

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Revenue	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety – Division of Fire Safety, – Capitol Police, – Missouri State Water Patrol, and the – Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

In response to a previous version of the proposal (SCS for SBs 37, 322, 78, 351, & 424, LR # 0041-08), officials from the **City of Springfield** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume any cost resulting from the proposed legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General (AGO)** assume the costs of representing the state on additional appeals brought under Section 577.023, RSMo, may be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent that this section now provides for mandatory minimums on sentences for aggravated or chronic offenders, AGO does anticipate an increase in the number of cases appealed. If the number of new appeals under this provision exceeds 25 in any fiscal year, the AGO would anticipate the need for 1 FTE Assistant Attorney General I to handle these additional appeals.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the legislation would establish penalties for allowing minors to possess alcohol or drugs on real property. While there may be a number of violations, CTS would not expect the degree of enforcement to be so great as to fiscally impact the courts.

CTS assumes the proposed legislation would also enhance the penalties for “chronic” and “aggravated” drunk offenders (as defined in the bill), remove some restrictions to obtaining a limited driving privilege, and create the crime of “aggravated vehicular manslaughter.” Some cases may become protracted, but CTS would not anticipate a fiscal impact on the judiciary.

CTS assumes the legislation would also provide that courts may not grant suspended imposition of sentences for certain chronic/aggravated offenders. CTS would not anticipate a fiscal impact on the judiciary.

In response to a previous version of the proposal (SCS for SBs 37, 322, 78, 351, & 424, LR # 0041-08), officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assumed the proposal would not have a significant direct fiscal impact on county prosecutors.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume they cannot predict the number of new commitments which may result from the enhancement of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments depends on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court.

If additional persons are sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC will incur a corresponding increase in operational cost either through incarceration (FY04 average of \$38.37 per inmate per day, or an annual cost of \$14,005 per inmate) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY03 average of \$3.15 per offender, per day or an annual cost of \$1,150 per offender).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

At this time, the DOC is unable to determine the number of people who would be convicted under the provisions of this bill and the number of additional inmate beds that may be required as a consequence of passage of this proposal. Estimated construction cost for one new medium to maximum-security inmate bed is \$55,000. Utilizing this per-bed cost provides for a conservative estimate by the DOC, as facility start-up costs are not included and entire facilities and/or housing units would have to be constructed to cover the cost of housing new commitments resulting from the cumulative effect of various new legislation, if adopted as statute.

In summary, supervision by the DOC through probation or incarceration would result in additional unknown costs to the department. Eight (8) persons would have to be incarcerated per fiscal year to exceed \$100,000 annually. DOC assumes the impact would be more than \$100,000 per year for their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assumed the proposal would give the Department of Revenue the authority to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this act. These rules would be published in the Missouri Register and the Code of State Regulations. These rules could require as many as 18 pages in the Code of State Regulations and half again as many pages in the Missouri Register, as cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23 and the estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27. Based on these costs, the estimated cost of the proposal is \$1,107 in FY 06 and unknown in subsequent years. The actual cost could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which would require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** assume existing staff could provide representation for those few cases arising where indigent persons were charged with the new/enhanced charges in the proposal. Passage of more than one bill increasing penalties on existing crimes or creating new crimes would require the SPD to request increased appropriations to cover the cumulative cost of representing indigent persons accused in the now more serious cases or in the new additional cases.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs – Department of Corrections (DOC)</u>			
Incarceration/probation costs	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(More than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(More than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(More than \$100,000)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

Under the current law, a person applying for a limited driving privilege is barred from receiving a limited driving privilege if he or she has previously been granted the privilege within the immediate preceding five years. Under the proposed legislation, this restriction would be removed. (Section 302.309)

Remove the requirement that the judge in a DWI case must be an attorney in order to use the conviction to enhance punishment. (Sections 302.060, 302.321, 302.541, 577.023, 577.500)

The proposal would prohibit any owner, occupant, or other person or legal entity with a lawful right to the use and enjoyment of any property from knowingly allowing a minor to drink or knowingly failing to stop a minor from drinking on such property, unless the person is the minor's parent or guardian. Any person who knowingly violates this provision would be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. (Section 311.310)

DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposal would create the crime of aggravated vehicular manslaughter, a class B felony. (Section 565.022)

A person who operates a vehicle in violation of the statutes concerning involuntary manslaughter, assault in the second degree, diving while intoxicated, and driving with excessive blood alcohol content, while a child who is less than 17 years old is present would be guilty of endangering the welfare of a child in the second degree. Such offense would be a class A misdemeanor unless committed as part of a ritual or ceremony, in which case, it would be a class D felony. (Section 568.050)

The proposal would create two new types of offenders (“aggravated offenders” and “chronic offenders”) for the purposes of applying the enhanced penalties and prison requirements of Section 577.023.

The proposal would define an “aggravated offender” as a person who has pleaded to or been found guilty of: (1) three or more intoxication-related traffic offenses, or (2) one intoxicated-related traffic offense and certain enumerated crimes (involuntary manslaughter, assault in the second degree, or assault of a law enforcement officer).

The proposal would define a “chronic offender” as a person who has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of: (1) four or more intoxication-related traffic offenses; (2) on two or more of separate occasions certain enumerated crimes (e.g. involuntary manslaughter or assault in the second degree); or (3) two or intoxicated-related traffic offenses plus has been found guilty of certain enumerated crimes (e.g. involuntary manslaughter or assault in the second degree).

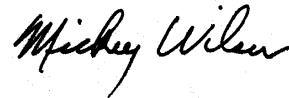
Any person who is found guilty of a DWI or driving with an excessive blood alcohol content (BAC) and is proved to be an aggravated offender would be guilty of a class C felony. Aggravated offenders would not be eligible for parole or probation until they serve a minimum of 60 days imprisonment.

Any person who is found guilty of a DWI or driving with an excessive blood alcohol content (BAC) and is proved to be a chronic offender would be guilty of a class B felony. Chronic offenders would not be eligible for parole or probation until they serve a minimum of two years imprisonment. (Section 577.023)

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

Office of the Attorney General  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety  
– Division of Fire Safety  
– Capitol Police  
– Missouri State Water Patrol  
– Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Office of the State Public Defender  
City of Springfield



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