

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3414-01  
Bill No.: SB 628  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Firearms and Fireworks  
Type: Original  
Date: February 3, 2006

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Less than \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<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.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</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 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

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

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume the proposal would not have a significant direct fiscal impact on county prosecutors.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume they cannot currently predict the number of new commitments which may result from the expansion 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.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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 (FY05 average of \$39.13 per inmate, per day or an annual cost of \$14,282 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).

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. Due to the narrow scope of this new crime, it is assumed the impact would be less than \$100,000 per year for the DOC.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** assume existing staff could not provide competent, effective representation for any cases arising where indigent persons were charged with the proposed new crime of possession of discharge of stun guns or taser guns. SPD assumes this new crime will require more SPD resources. While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional appropriations for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide competent and effective representation in all its cases.

**Oversight** assumes the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) could absorb the costs of the proposed legislation within existing resources. Oversight assumes any significant increase in the workload of the SPD would be reflected in future budget requests.

Officials from the **Boone County Sheriff's Department** assume revenues in the amount of \$10 per permit issued would be realized. Officials do not know how many permits would be applied for or issued for tasers. Officials expect the revenues would not be a significant amount.

**Oversight** assumes local law enforcement agencies could experience increased revenues from the fees for permits issued for tasers and stun guns. **Oversight** assumes the increased revenues to be small and, for fiscal note purposes, has shown no local fiscal impact.

**Officials from the Greene County Sheriff's Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and the St. Louis County Police Department did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs – Department of Corrections</u>			
Incarceration/probation costs	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(Less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Less than \$100,000)</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation defines a “stun gun” or “taser” as any portable device or weapon from which an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam is produced that is capable of incapacitating temporarily, injuring, or killing a human being.

The proposal would make possession or discharge of a stun gun or taser gun an unlawful use of a weapon. However, this prohibition does not apply to peace officers, prison employees, members of the armed forces, people vested with the judicial power of the state, any person with a duty to execute process, probation officers, corporate security advisors, or coroners or medical examiners.

Unlawful use of a weapon is a Class D felony.

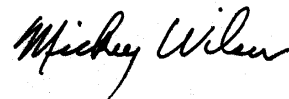
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Public Safety  
– Capitol Police  
– Missouri State Water Patrol  
– Missouri State Highway Patrol  
– Division of Fire Safety  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Boone County Sheriff's Department

NOT RESPONDING

**Greene County Sheriff's Department**  
**Jackson County Sheriff's Department**  
**St. Louis County Police Department**



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