

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4853-01  
Bill No.: SB 969  
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Revenue Department; Licenses - Motor Vehicle; Licenses - Driver's; Liens; Motor Carriers  
Type: Original  
Date: February 17, 2006

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Highway Funds	\$0	\$1,134,787	\$1,122,168
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,134,787</b>	<b>\$1,122,168</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>\$833,352</b>	<b>\$980,842</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** state the proposed legislation would modify several provisions relating to motor vehicles; including annual registration fees, commercial driver's licenses and liens for motor vehicle services.

The bill would allow lienholders of motor vehicles and watercraft to petition the court to determine if the vehicle or watercraft was wrongfully withheld from the owner. CTS states they have no way of determining how often this procedure would be used.

CTS assumes any significant impact/increase in the workload of the courts will be reflected in future budget requests.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** state their Motor Vehicle Bureau will need to revise policies, procedures, administrative rules, forms, fee charts and license plate ordering to discontinue the local and commercial motor vehicle license plate categories that have been eliminated with the proposal and increase the plate ordering for the related/revised plate categories.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

DOR assumes that vehicles currently registered at 6,000 would be valid to haul up to 12,000 lbs and law enforcement would be notified accordingly. Thus, no costs for re-issuance are shown. Otherwise, over 1,000,000 plates in the 6,000 lb category would have to be re-issued and DOR would incur additional costs. DOR will inform vehicle owners of the plate/fee changes through normal renewal registration reminders.

DOR states the bill will affect the MORE (Missouri Online Registration Exchange) and legacy system regarding the fee changes. The costs associated with the programming will be absorbed internally.

DOR assumes there will be an increase in revenue for the highway fund, cities and counties beginning in July 1, 2007 as shown below due to one passenger plate fee of \$26.25, one fee of \$26.25 for local and beyond local 6,000, 9,000 and 12,000 lb plates, and the elimination of certain commercial motor vehicle plate categories in excess of 18,000 lbs. This revenue impact is prepared with the assumption that the 12,000 lb local plate applicants are to pay \$26.25 for their registration. As written, some categories will increase revenue and some categories will decrease revenue as shown below.

FY 2008	Highways (75%)	Cities (15%)	Counties (10%)	Total
Total Revenue				
Passenger Fees	\$2,305,142	\$511,533	\$341,022	\$3,157,697
6's and 12's:	<u>(\$2,355,619)</u>	<u>(\$157,557)</u>	<u>(\$105,038)</u>	<u>(\$2,618,214)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>(\$50,477)</b>	<b>\$353,976</b>	<b>\$235,984</b>	<b>\$539,483</b>
Based on biennial registration 75% of the \$50,477 will be incurred in FY '08	(\$37,858)	\$265,482	\$176,988	\$404,612
Big Truck Plate Revenue	<u>\$1,172,645</u>	<u>\$234,529</u>	<u>\$156,353</u>	<u>\$1,563,527</u>
<b>Total FY 2008</b>	<b><u>\$1,134,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$500,011</u></b>	<b><u>\$333,341</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,968,139</u></b>

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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<b>Total FY 2009</b>	<b><u>\$1,122,168</u></b>	<b><u>\$588,505</u></b>	<b><u>\$392,337</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,103,010</u></b>

**Oversight** will utilize DOR's estimates.

**This proposal may increase Total State Revenues.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>HIGHWAY FUNDS</b>			
<u>Income - Department of Revenue</u>			
From various changes to vehicle registrations	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,134,787</u>	<u>\$1,122,168</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO HIGHWAY FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,134,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,122,168</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>CITIES AND COUNTIES</b>			
<u>Income - Cities</u>			
From various changes to vehicle registrations	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,011</u>	<u>\$588,505</u>
<u>Income - Counties</u>			
From various changes to vehicle registrations	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$333,341</u>	<u>\$392,337</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO CITIES AND COUNTIES</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$833,352</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,842</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses could see an increase or decrease in costs for vehicle registration as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal amends several provisions relating to the regulation of motor vehicles.

UNIFORM REGISTRATION FEES - The bill changes the registration fee for all passenger motor vehicles and eliminates the reference to horsepower when determining registration fees (Section 301.070). A uniform charge of \$26.25 shall be charged for all passenger motor vehicles (Section 301.055). The act also combines several commercial motor vehicle registration categories (Sections 301.057 and 301.058). The annual registration fee for property carrying commercial motor vehicles 12,000 pounds and under is \$26.25. The annual registration fee for property carrying commercial motor vehicles 18,001 pounds to 26,000 pounds is \$127. The fee for 26,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds is \$275.50. The fee for vehicles 66,001 to 80,000 pounds is \$1,719.50. The annual registration fees for local property-carrying commercial motor vehicles are combined as well. The annual registration fee for a vehicle 18,001 to 26,000 pounds is \$33.50. For vehicles 26,001 to 36,000 pounds, the fee is \$67.50. The fee for vehicles 60,011 to 80,000 pounds, the fee is \$350.00. These provisions have an effective date of July 1, 2007.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

DEALER LICENSE PLATE LETTERS AND NUMBERS - This act makes several technical changes to provisions pertaining to manufacturer and dealer license plate letter and numbers. The current law contains erroneous references (Sections 301.130, 301.144, and 301.560).

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES ISSUANCE - The act allows the Department of Revenue to deny accepting applications and deny issuance of special license plates if no applications are received within 5 years from the effective date of the law authorizing the plate (Section 301.2998).

EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS OF CDL HOLDERS FOR MINORS IN POSSESSION - This act prohibits the expungement of a minor in possession charge for holders of commercial driver's licenses or persons operating commercial motor vehicles at the time of the violation (Section 311.326).

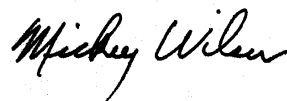
LIENS ON MOTOR VEHICLES FOR STORAGE OR SERVICES - This act modifies the law governing liens on motor vehicles for storage and repair fees. Under the act, a lienholder may apply for a title to a motor vehicle if the statutory notice is returned marked "not forwardable" or "addressee unknown." The application for the lien must be accompanied by a copy of the statutory notice given to the owner of the motor vehicle and other lienholders of interest. The act removes the requirement that the Department of Revenue must notify the motor vehicle owner or other lienholder of interest before issuing a lien title. The act adds a provision which allows the motor vehicle owner, trailer owner, vessel owner, etc. to file a petition to challenge whether such chattel was wrongfully taken (Section 430.082).

Parts of the proposal will become effective on July 1, 2006.

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

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