

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2405-01
Bill No.: SB 557
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Conservation Department; Department of Transportation; Insurance - Automobile
Type: Original
Date: March 30, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Department of Conservation to reimburse automobile owners up to \$500 for damages sustained to an automobile due to hitting or being hit by a deer.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Conservation Commission	Up to (\$3,000,000)	Up to (\$3,000,000)	Up to (\$3,000,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Up to (\$3,000,000)	Up to (\$3,000,000)	Up to (\$3,000,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§ 252.270 - Automobile Damage Inflicted by Deer:

In response to similar legislation from 2015 (SB 557), officials from the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assumed this proposal requires MDC to reimburse automobile owners up to \$500 for damages inflicted upon their vehicles by deer.

MDC noted according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on average 3,500 deer are reported annually killed by automobiles on the road.

MDC estimated 3,500 x \$500 would result in a cost of over (\$1,750,000) to the Conservation Commission Fund, plus any additional staff and administrative support to implement the program.

In response to similar legislation from 2015 (SB 557), officials from the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** noted over the six month period beginning July 1, 2014 there have been 2,995 deer found and reported along roadways by MoDOT workers.

Officials from the **Missouri State Highway Patrol (MHP)** report the following car accident information for accidents involving deer. Deer involved crashes for 2011 totaled 3,563; for 2012 crashes totaled 3,990; for 2013 crashes totaled 3,507.

Oversight assumes many car accidents involving deer are not reported to the MHP. This proposal would provide an incentive for automobile owners to submit a claim to MDC for damages inflicted upon their vehicles by deer up to \$500. Based upon data provided by MoDOT, the number of deer disposed of annually along roadways could be up to 6,000 or more.

Oversight will reflect a cost up to (\$3,000,000) to the Conservation Commission Fund based upon 6,000 car accident claims involving deer at \$500 for each claim.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state 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 \$2,500. 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 the 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.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

In response to similar legislation from 2015 (SB 557), officials from the **Department of Transportation** and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** each assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol**, **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, and the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
<u>Costs - MDC</u>			
§ 252.270 - Administrative Support	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
§ 252.270 - Damages inflicted by upon vehicles by deer	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>	Up to <u>(\$3,000,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

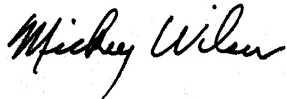
§ 252.270 - Automobile Damage Inflicted by Deer:

This proposal requires the Department of Conservation to reimburse any automobile owner up to \$500 for damages sustained to an automobile due to hitting or being hit by a deer.

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 Conservation
Department of Transportation
Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration



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