# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. NO.</u>: 3123-01 <u>BILL NO.</u>: SB 704

**SUBJECT**: Firearms: Civil Procedures, Liability

TYPE: Original

<u>DATE</u>: January 18, 2000

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS								
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003					
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0					

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS							
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003				
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003			
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)			

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains pages.

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### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Department of Public Safety-Missouri Highway Patrol** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the Office of the Attorney General assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **City of Mexico** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the <u>City of St. Louis</u> stated that the city currently has a lawsuit being adjudicated against a gun manufacturer. Officials assume that this proposal potentially would prohibit the city from receiving millions from gun manufacturers.

**Oversight** assumes that the outcome of St. Louis City's lawsuit is unknown, and **Oversight** is not able to predict or estimate whether in the absence of this legislation St. Louis City or any local government would have received any settlement, therefore, the fiscal impact to local governments is \$0 to (Unknown).

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
Fiscal Impact to Local Governments for Prohibition on Gun Lawsuits.	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

# FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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#### DESCRIPTION

This act provides that the design, marketing, manufacture or sale of firearms or ammunition is not an reasonably dangerous activity and does not constitute a nuisance per se. The act prohibits political subdivisions as well as the state, from instituting a lawsuit against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer relating to design, marketing, manufacture or sale to the public. The act allows actions regarding breach of contract or warranty for firearms or ammunition purchased by a state or political subdivision.

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 Department of Public Safety- Missouri Highway Patrol City of Mexico City of St. Louis

# **NOT RESPONDING:**

Cities of: Columbia, Hannibal, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, St. Charles, Raytown, Florissant, Hazelwood, and Chesterfield.

Counties of: Greene, Jasper, Cole, Callaway, Cape Girardeau, Jefferson, Marion, Lincoln and Jackson.

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