

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3937-01
BILL NO.: SB 889
SUBJECT: Drugs and Controlled Substances; Nurses; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Medical Procedures and Personnel
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 15, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Medical Services**, the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration**, the **Department of Transportation**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol**, the **Department of Insurance**, the **Department of Conservation**, and the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

The **Department of Health (DOH)** states that certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) could independently order the administration of a controlled substance for a patient. This would require that any CRNA doing so, register with the Department of Health. Registration requires an annual fee of \$30. There are approximately 1,000 CRNAs, therefore, this proposal could generate \$30,000 in General Revenue per year.

DOH further states there are approximately 1,000 CRNAs in Missouri who would potentially be eligible to register with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), Department of Health for controlled substance authority. This would increase DOH registration and monitoring workload by approximately 5%. The BNDD currently has 8 investigators. DOH assumes that an additional caseload of 5% would require 1 Investigator II (\$36,468) or equivalent budget for contractual investigators. The Investigator II position would inspect and monitor records and security required by law and any possible diversion or theft of controlled substances. All complains received would be investigated.

Oversight assumes a 5% increase in workload would not require additional FTE.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
Income - Department of Health Registration fees	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<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

This proposal would allow registered professional nurses (RPN) who are registered nurse anesthetists to dispense controlled substances to their patients. Current law allows physicians, podiatrists, dentists, optometrists and veterinarians to prescribe, administer, and dispense controlled substances to their patients. They may all allow nurses or graduate physicians under their supervision to do so as well. New language would add RPNs who are recognized as nurse anesthetists to the list. Such persons, however, may only allow nurses under their supervision to administer or dispense controlled substances. This proposal would also add a new Section 335.098, which would allow RPNs who are recognized as registered nurse anesthetists to prescribe and administer those drugs and devices, including controlled substances, that would be customarily used in their profession during the time surrounding an operation. They would allow others authorized under this section to do the same.

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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