

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2957-01  
Bill No.: SB 703  
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Transportation; Highway Patrol.  
Type: Original  
Date: January 7, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
None			
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state the proposed legislation would amend SB 244 from last session and allow previously permitted tinting prior to August 28, 2001. It would also allow that darker standards be permitted by the Department of Public Safety with a prescribed medical condition excuse.

According to the MHP's Field Operations Bureau, each road officer would require a light transmission meter to properly enforce the provisions of the legislation. There are approximately 743 road officers and the cost of a light meter is \$100. There is no additional cost for maintenance of the light meters. The MHP assumes the total fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is \$74,300 (743 road officers x \$100 per light meter) in the first fiscal year.

**Oversight** assumes the cost estimated by MHP, as well as unknown costs for local law enforcement throughout Missouri, for purchase of light meters were reflected on the fiscal note prepared for TAFP SB 244 in the 2001 session. Therefore, Oversight assumes the MHP and local law enforcement officials would not incur additional costs from this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimates the division could require approximately 4 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$27.00 per page, and 6 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$23.00 per page. Costs due to this proposal are estimated to be \$246, however, the actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rule-making authority and may be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS does not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal; however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**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. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** state this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<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 revises the tinted window law. The proposal reinstates a permit process so that people with serious medical conditions can have darker tinted windows immediately to left and right of the driver. The proposal also reinstates the rule-making authority removed by SB 244 and also allows immediate family members to drive the vehicle of the permit holder. The proposal removes the requirement that motor vehicles which violate the tinted window law fail a motor vehicle inspection.

Under the current law, the front windshield may not be tinted at any level. The rest of motor vehicle may be tinted at a level of 35%

Under the proposal, the front windshield may not be tinted while the sidewing vents and windows immediately to right and left of the driver may be tinted at 35%. A darker tint may be applied with a medical permit. Windows to the rear of the driver may be tinted at any level.

This proposal contains an emergency clause.


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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