

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0667-01
Bill No.: HB 234
Subject: Political Subdivisions; Crimes and Punishment; Transportation
Type: Original
Date: February 2, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits the use of automated traffic enforcement systems beginning August 28, 2015, and requires any political subdivision to complete or terminate any automated traffic enforcement contracts within one year.

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
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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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	(More than \$3,989,000)	(More than \$664,833)	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **City of St. Louis** assume automated traffic enforcement systems have been utilized effectively in the City to monitor intersections with high amounts of traffic and susceptibility toward traffic accidents. The cost of monitoring is paid through a portion of the fines imposed on those who violate traffic ordinances at these intersections. Elimination of the fine revenue would have a significant negative impact, resulting in the loss of approximately \$3.5 million in net revenue annually, in addition to losing the source of funding for this public safety monitoring system.

Oversight assumes the practice of collecting any fines from red light cameras in St. Louis City are being placed in an escrow account pending the outcome of a current court case with the Missouri Supreme Court. This information comes from an article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch dated December 2, 2014. Officials at the City of St. Louis assume this practice will continue until the court case works itself out. If it is released from escrow, the revenue will go into the general fund.

Oversight inquired the www.photoenforced.com website to locate cities within the State of Missouri that use red light cameras. Oversight then contacted those cities to inquire if the red light cameras were still being used within their cities. The cities of Baldwin and Edmundson did not respond to Oversight's inquiry. Officials at the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) also provided Oversight with a list of cities that have agreements with the Missouri Department of Transportation. The following is a list of those cities and the status of the cameras within those cities. Oversight assumes that the same revenue earned in FY 2014 will be earned in FY 2016 and prorated in FY 2017 unless the cameras have been suspended or removed in those cities.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

City	Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems (ATES) still in operation	FY 2014 Revenue Collected on ATES	Estimate of FY 2016 Revenues	Estimate of FY 2017 Revenues	Estimate of FY 2018 Revenues	Agreements with MoDOT*	Notes
Arnold	No	\$28,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended Feb 2014
Bel-Nor			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Beverly Hills			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Bridgeton			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Calverton Park**	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
Columbia	No	\$18,501	\$0	\$0	\$0		Suspended early 2014
Creve Coeur	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
Edmundson			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Ellsville	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Cameras have been removed
Excelsior Springs	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended Nov 2013
Ferguson			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Florissant	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
Gladstone	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		Never used
Grandview	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Hannibal	Yes	\$489,000	\$489,000	\$81,500	\$0	Yes	1 camera in use
Hazelwood	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
Independence	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Kansas City	No	\$1,847,129	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended after Nov 2013
Liberty	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		Never had them
Moline Acres	No		n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	No longer using them
Northwoods			n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	
Rolla	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		Never had them
Sedalia	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		Never used them
St. Ann	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
St. John	No		\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended
St. Joseph	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	
St. Louis	Yes	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$583,333	\$0	Yes	Fines collected are in an escrow account pending outcome of court case.
St. Peters	No	\$122,157	\$0	\$0	\$0		Suspended Sept 2014
Sugar Creek	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes	Suspended Dec 2013
Washington	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Wentzville						Yes	
TOTAL		\$6,004,987	\$3,989,000	\$664,833	\$0		

*These are agreements to utilize automated enforcement equipment on state-maintained roadways.

**Has an agreement with MoDOT for both red-light cameras and automated speed enforcement in a school zone.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety's Missouri Highway Patrol**, the **Department of Revenue**, the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Missouri Department of Transportation** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Officials at the **Springfield Police Department**, the **St. Louis County Police Department**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **Platte County Board of Election Commission**, the **City of Columbia** and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective organizations from this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

<u>Loss</u> - Local Political Subdivisions on fine revenues	(More than <u>\$3,989,000</u>)	(More than <u>\$664,833</u>)	<u>\$0</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	(More than <u>\$3,989,000</u>)	(More than <u>\$664,833</u>)	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning August 28, 2015, this bill prohibits any county, city, town, village, municipality, state agency, or other political subdivision of this state from enacting, adopting, or enforcing any law, ordinance, regulation, order, or other provision that authorizes the use of an automated traffic system, including automatic number plate recognition systems, to establish evidence that a motor vehicle or its operator is not in compliance with traffic signals, speeds, or other traffic laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations on any public street, road, or highway in the state or imposing or collecting any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty for any noncompliance.

Any county, city, town, village, municipality, state agency, or other political subdivision that currently has an automated traffic enforcement system installation or maintenance contract with a company or entity on August 28, 2015, must complete or terminate the contract by September 1, 2016.

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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Department of Public Safety's Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Revenue
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Missouri Department of Transportation
Springfield Police Department
St. Louis County Police
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