

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4253-01  
Bill No.: HB 1847  
Subject: Abortion; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Medical Procedures and Personnel.  
Type: Original  
Date: March 27, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<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
<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.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Conservation, Department of Insurance, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan and Department of Economic Development** assume the proposed legislation will not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Highways and Transportation (DHT)** also responded on behalf of the **Missouri Highway Patrol's** medical Plan. The DHT officials stated this legislation pertains to requirements for physicians in the performance of an abortion and will have no impact to the MHTC or the Highway & Medical Plan.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated the department assumes it will develop model language for the form and disseminate to providers who would incorporate the language into their own forms. Under this assumption, the DOH would absorb any related costs.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal could result in a minimal administrative fiscal impact to small business physicians and practices that perform abortions.

DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the provision pertaining to informed consent for an abortion.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Except in the case of a medical emergency, the bill prohibits a person from performing or inducing an abortion unless the treating physician has conferred with the patient and discussed

the indicators and contra-indicators of the proposed abortion or drug or drugs used for the abortion, considering a woman's medical history and medical condition. The conference between the treating physician and the patient must occur at least 24 hours before performing or inducing an abortion.

For an abortion induced by drug or drugs, one conference between the treating physician and the patient must occur 24 hours prior to the writing or communication of the first prescription for a drug or drugs which are used to induce an abortion.

Prior to or during the conference, the patient is required to be screened for risk factors, which include any physical, psychological, or situational factors which would predispose the patient to, or increase the risk of, experiencing one or more adverse physical, emotional, or other health reactions to an abortion or drug or drugs used.

The bill requires that at the end of the conference, the treating physician and the patient are required to sign a written statement certifying that the screening and discussion have occurred and that the woman gave her informed consent freely and without coercion. All executed statements will be maintained in the patient's medical file which are subject to the confidentiality laws of Missouri.

The Department of Health is required to develop a model form that will be used by treating physicians. In the absence of the model form, treating physicians are not exempt from the requirements of the bill.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

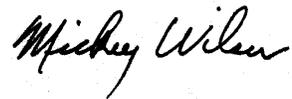
#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services  
Department of Highways and Transportation  
Missouri Department of Conservation

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Department of Health and Senior Services

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March 27, 2002