

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$19,250)	(\$23,096)	(\$23,096)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$19,250)</b>	<b>(\$23,096)</b>	<b>(\$23,096)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Children's Trust Fund	(\$24,060)	(\$28,870)	(\$28,870)
Cemetery Endowment Fund	(\$4,810)	(\$5,774)	(\$5,774)
Missouri Public Health Services Fund	(\$14,440)	(\$17,322)	(\$17,322)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>(\$43,310)</b>	<b>(\$51,966)</b>	<b>(\$51,966)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(\$422,500)</b>	<b>(\$507,000)</b>	<b>(\$507,000)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Veterans Commission** assume the proposal will not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** states the proposal prohibits a person from charging a veteran's immediate family a fee for copying the veteran's death certificate if the copies are to be used to file for or access benefits. This would create a loss of revenue.

DHSS states their assumptions are based on 23,095 death records issued by DHSS in calendar year 2005. DHSS estimates that 25% of these were for veterans based on the field on the death certificate marked "served in the U.S. Armed Forces". This would mean that there would be a loss of revenue on 5,774 (25% x 23,095) records per year.

The breakdown for revenue on a death record of \$13.00 is as follows: \$4.00 to General Revenue; \$3.00 to Missouri Public Health Services Fund; \$5.00 to Children's Trust Fund; and \$1.00 to Cemetery Endowment Fund.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

	Calculation	FY 2007 (10 months)	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	5,774 x \$4	(\$19,250)	(\$23,096)	(\$23,096)
MOPHS	5,774 x \$3	(\$14,440)	(\$17,322)	(\$17,322)
Children's Trust	5,774 x \$5	(\$24,060)	(\$28,870)	(\$28,870)
Cemetery Endowment	5,774 x \$1	(\$4,810)	(\$5,774)	(\$5,774)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,774 X \$13</b>	<b>(\$62,560)</b>	<b>(\$75,062)</b>	<b>(\$75,062)</b>

DHSS states there would also be an impact to the local public health agencies. DHSS estimates 156,000 death certificates were issued locally for the year 2005. Based on the same 25% of 156,000 certificates issued, 39,000 (25% x 156,000) were for veterans. DHSS estimates a local revenue loss of \$422,500 for FY07 and a loss of \$507,000 (\$13 x 39,000) for FY08 and FY09.

Officials from the **Randolph County Health Department** state that in 2005, they took in \$13,688 from the sale of death certificates to citizens. Using the 25% estimate provided by DHSS, their agency could expect to lose \$3,422 per year. For the period 2006, 2007 and 2008, they would expect to lose a total of \$10,266 (\$3,422 x 3). Since all health departments in the state sell death certificates, this would impact local health departments significantly.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Loss – DOHSS</u>			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$19,250)</u>	<u>(\$23,096)</u>	<u>(\$23,096)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$19,250)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$23,096)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$23,096)</u></b>
 <b>CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND</b>			
<u>Loss – DOHSS</u>			
Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$24,060)</u>	<u>(\$28,870)</u>	<u>(\$28,870)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$24,060)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$28,870)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$28,870)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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**CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND**

<u>Loss – DOHSS</u> Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$4,810)</u>	<u>(\$5,774)</u>	<u>(\$5,774)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$4,810)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,774)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,774)</u></b>
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**MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH  
SERVICES FUND**

<u>Loss – DOHSS</u> Loss on death certificate fees	<u>(\$14,440)</u>	<u>(\$17,322)</u>	<u>(\$17,322)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$14,440)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$17,322)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$17,322)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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**LOCAL FUNDS**

<u>Loss – Local Public Health Agencies</u> Loss on Death Certificate fees	<u>(\$422,500)</u>	<u>(\$507,000)</u>	<u>(\$507,000)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(\$422,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$507,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$507,000)</u></b>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits a person from charging a veteran's immediate family a fee for copying the veteran's death certificate if the copies are to be used to file for benefits.

The family member must provide a written, notarized statement specifying the exact number of copies needed and indicate how many will be used to file for benefits.

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 Public Safety  
Missouri Veterans Commission  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Randolph County Health Department



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