

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1715-01
Bill No.: HB 750
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Insurance Dept.; Licenses - Professional
Type: Original
Date: March 24, 2009

Bill Summary: Establishes the requirements for licensure as naturopathic physician in this state.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	\$0*	\$0*	\$0*
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0*	\$0*	\$0*

* Revenues and expenditures unknown but net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of the Governor, Department of Higher Education, Missouri Senate and University of Missouri** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** state having reviewed the proposed legislation and having sought the conclusion of the appropriate board(s), they are of the opinion that this proposal, in its present form, has no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission** anticipate this legislation will not significantly alter its caseload. However, if other similar proposals also pass, there are more cases, or the cases are more complex, there could be a fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if multiple cases arise from the passage of this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state the fiscal impact for this proposal is less than \$2,500. The SOS realizes this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. The SOS recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of that the office can sustain within its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state Section 334.1025 creates the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within DOH. The board is to be comprised of five members. Assuming the board will meet six (6) times per year with a standard cost of \$180 per meeting, per member, the total costs of board meetings will be \$5,400 annually.

The duties of the board include adopting all rules and conducting all hearings required by Sections 334.1000 to 340.1030 and to facilitate and adopt the competency-based examination used as the naturopathic licensing examination, processing applications and fees. An unknown number of additional FTE will be necessary to assist the board in coordinating meetings, drafting and promulgating rules, adopting the examination, processing applications and fees, etc.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the DOH will set licensing fees at an amount to meet expenses and the net effect will be \$0.

Officials from the **Truman State University** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

This proposal will result in an increase in total state revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Income - DOH</u>			
Licensing fees/renewals	Unknown exceeding \$5,400	Unknown exceeding \$5,400	Unknown exceeding \$5,400
<u>Costs - DOH</u>			
Personal service, fringe benefits, and equipment and supplies for naturopathic physician licensure	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Board meeting expenses	(\$5,400)	(\$5,400)	(\$5,400)
Total <u>Costs</u> - DOH	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$5,400)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$5,400)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$5,400)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal could impact small businesses that pay employee licensing fees.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

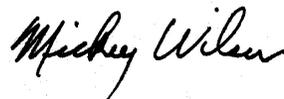
This proposal establishes requirements for the licensure of naturopathic physicians. In its main provisions, the proposal: (1) Prohibits the practice of naturopathic medicine or a person to represent himself or herself as a practitioner of naturopathic medicine, with certain exceptions specified in the proposal, without being licensed; (2) Establishes the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Health and Senior Services; (3) Specifies the membership, duties, and powers of the board; (4) Establishes certain criteria which must be met prior to making application with the board for licensure; (5) Requires all persons wishing to practice as naturopathic physicians to be examined by the board as to their fitness to practice; (6) Authorizes the board to adopt rules, give exams, and collect fees; and (7) Allows the board to issue a reciprocal license to a naturopathic physician who is licensed to practice in another state if its standards are at least equivalent to Missouri's standards.

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

Office of Attorney General
Office of Administration -
 Administrative Hearing Commission
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Higher Education
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Department of Health and Senior Services
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Missouri Senate
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NOT RESPONDING: Truman State University



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