

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5271-01
Bill No.: HB 1977
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Crimes and Punishment
Type: Original
Date: May 1, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes requirements for the reporting of animal abuse.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** assumes the proposed legislation amends the statutes governing abuse and neglect of eligible adults and the elderly by adding language relating to animal cruelty. One of the requirements would be that animal control officers and the Department of Agriculture (AGR) would have access to reports of abuse and neglect taken by the Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) where animal cruelty is suspected in addition to abuse of eligible adults and/or the elderly. DSDS would be required to redact any confidential information in a case record related to the eligible adult and/or elderly person before the information is shared with animal control officers or the AGR to ensure the confidentiality of both alleged victims and reporters of abuse.

DSDS is not able to estimate the number of reports where animal cruelty is also suspected. DHSS assume this proposal would result in an unknown amount of staff time to pull, review, and redact records for copying.

Oversight assumes any costs to pull, review, and redact records for copying could be absorbed by DHSS as the number of cases related to both animal cruelty and abuse of children, adults and the elderly is expected to be minimal. If DHSS is able to identify a significant number of cases involving animals and people they may request additional funding through the normal appropriation process.

Officials at the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assumes that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials at the **Department of Agriculture, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Boone County Sheriff, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Springfield Police Department** each assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

Oversight assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation on state or local government funds.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<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.

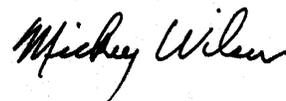
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Health and Senior Services
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Boone County Sheriff
Springfield Police Department



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