

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2408-02  
BILL NO.: HB 1137  
SUBJECT: Motor Cycle Helmets for Operators over 25  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: December 22, 1999

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<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 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<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 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses  
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

In this, or similar proposals, officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Capitol Police and Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of Administration - Head Injury Council, Department of Revenue, Department of Mental Health, Department of Insurance, Office of the State Public Defender,** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** assumed there would be no direct fiscal impact to their agency as a result of this proposal.

Officials of the **Department of Health (DOH)**, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs, Adult Head Injury Program estimates that there will be an increase of approximately 57 persons who will suffer head injuries resulting from motorcyclists not wearing protective headgear. The Head and Spinal Cord Injury registry of the DOH projects that of the 57 persons, approximately five will qualify for the Head Injury Program and seek rehabilitative services through the state. The Head Injury Program's average client cost for rehabilitative services in FY99 was \$3,978. If these five individuals were added to the Head Injury Program, the additional program costs would be approximately \$19,890 per year.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services (DOS-DMS)** assume this proposal could result in increased costs to the Medicaid Program. Based on the DOH's assumptions that an additional five people would become uninsured head-injury cases and seek rehabilitative services through the state, DOS-DMS also assumes these same five individuals would qualify for Medicaid as permanently and totally disabled (PTD) clients. The total costs to the Medicaid program could range from \$0 to \$332,990 annually, or \$66,598 per client.

**Oversight** assumes as a result of this proposal some people over 25 would choose not to wear protective headgear. Accordingly, there may be an increase in injuries or the severity of injuries to motorcyclists not wearing protective headgear which may **indirectly** result in increased costs to the state. Oversight assumes no direct fiscal impact to state and local governments from passage of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 months)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 months)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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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 would allow any person at least 25 years of age to operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor tricycle upon any highway in this state with a speed limit of 45 mph or less without wearing protective headgear. Currently, all motorcyclists are required to wear protective headgear.

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  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety  
Department of Insurance  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Transportation



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