

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO. 2704-02  
BILL NO. HB 1961  
SUBJECT: Stolen Pet Registry  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: February 24, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue*	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\* Costs will likely be less than \$100,000.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<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

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimates the division could require approximately 12 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$26.50 per page, and 18 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$22.50 per page. Costs due to this proposal would be \$723, the actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rulemaking authority and may be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS does not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal; however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** assume they would request 1 FTE Clerk Typist III to provide clerical support for the program, 1 FTE Computer Info Technologist to assist the consultant in developing the registry program and registration applications online and to maintain the program after it is developed, 1 FTE Accountant to track and monitor the receipt of registration fees, 1 FTE Program Specialist responsible for administration and supervision of the program, plus the related expense and equipment for each position, as well as consulting expenses to develop programming for the registry.

**Oversight** assumes DPS currently maintains an Internet site and would not require the Computer Info Technologist position to assist the consultant in developing the registry program and registration applications online and to maintain the program after it is developed; nor would DPS require consulting expenses to develop programming for the registry. In addition, Oversight assumes DPS would not require the Accountant position to track and monitor the receipt of registration fees. Oversight assumes DPS will charge a registration fee, as provided by this proposal, that does not substantially exceed the cost of the program.

In response to a similar proposal, officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** stated that they could not predict the number of new commitments which could result from the creation of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments would depend on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court. If additional persons were sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC would incur a corresponding increase in operational costs either through incarceration (average \$35.00 per inmate, per day) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (average of \$3.00 per offender, per day). Due to the wide variance of newly created crimes and punishments, the fiscal impact as it relates to the DOC is unknown.

The DOC anticipates that new beds might have to be constructed to accommodate the number of offenders receiving longer sentences due to this proposal. At this time, the DOC is unable to determine the number of people that would be convicted under the provisions of this bill to estimate the fiscal impact for additional capital improvements. Estimated construction cost for one new maximum security inmate bed is \$48,800.

**Oversight** assumes the proposal could result in more offenders being incarcerated or placed on probation. Additional costs for supervision and care by the DOC, although unknown, would likely be less than \$100,000 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
	(10 Mo.)		
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs - Department of Public Safety</u>			
Salaries	(\$56,870)	(\$69,950)	(\$71,699)
Fringe Benefits	(18,767)	(23,084)	(23,661)
Expense and Equipment	(19,466)	(6,016)	(6,016)
Total	(\$95,103)	(\$99,050)	(\$101,376)
<u>Income - Department of Public Safety</u>			
Registration Fees*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Costs - Department of Corrections</u>			
Increased beds**	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE **</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

\* Registration fees will likely offset program costs.

\*\* Costs will likely be less than \$100,000.

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Sellers and purchasers of pets for research purposes could be impacted by this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation makes it a class C felony to knowingly misappropriate a pet, law enforcement animal, or rescue animal with the intent to sell, injure, or harm it.

The proposal makes it a class C felony to knowingly purchase a stolen pet. It is also a class C felony to knowingly remove an identification marker or tag from a pet without permission. The proposal requires the Department of Public Safety to create an Internet registry of pets upon which owners can register their animals. Persons purchasing pets for research purposes are required to examine the Internet registry and the pets for any identification marks.

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 Secretary of State  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Public Safety

**NOT RESPONDING: Department of Corrections**



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