

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2046-01
Bill No.: HB 876
Subject: Pharmacist may refuse to fill a prescription when having a moral objection.
Type: Original
Date: April 16, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Conservation, Department of Insurance, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, Department of Social Services, and Department of Highways and Transportation** assume the proposed legislation will not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** stated this legislation would not be expected to significantly impact the operations of the DOH. If the proposal were to substantially impact the DOH programs, then the DOH would request funding through the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Professional Registration (DED-PR)** stated that having reviewed the proposed legislation and having sought the conclusion of the appropriate board(s), they are of the opinion that this fiscal note in its present form, has no fiscal impact to the DED-PR.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

There may be a minimal negative fiscal impact to small business pharmacies that refuse to fill prescriptions based on the moral objections of the pharmacist(s).

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows pharmacists to refuse to fill any prescriptions which are contrary to their established policy or their moral, ethical, or religious beliefs. No cause of action can accrue for refusal.

The bill prohibits public or private entities from denying employment to or discriminating against pharmacists on the grounds that they refuse to fill certain prescriptions.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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 Economic Development - Professional Registration
Department of Highways and Transportation
Department of Health
Department of Social Services
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
Department of Insurance
Department of Conservation
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol



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