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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4858-01  
Bill No.: HB 1460  
Subject: Pharmacy; Health Care Professionals; Crimes and Punishment  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires a person who has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of a pharmacist or health care professional is illegal and could cause serious injury to make a report to specified authorities.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>       |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2015    | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2015    | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2015    | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2015  | FY 2016  | FY 2017  |
|   |          |          |          |
|   |          |          |          |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

☐ 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).

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                              | FY 2015    | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with the proposed new crime of failure to report dangerous activity of a pharmacist, a new class A Misdemeanor. If the result is death of a person, the failure to report escalates to a Class D Felony.

While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide effective representation in all cases.

**Oversight** assumes the SPD can absorb the additional caseload that may result from this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume the proposal will have no measurable fiscal impact on their office. The creation of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors which may in turn result in additional costs which are difficult to determine.

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state penalty provisions, the component of the bill to have potential fiscal impact for DOC, is for up to a class D felony. Currently, the DOC cannot predict the number of new commitments which may result from the creation of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments depends on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court.

If additional persons are sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC will incur a corresponding increase of direct offender costs either through incarceration (FY13 average of \$18.014 per offender, per day, or an annual cost of \$6,575 per inmate) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY13 average of

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\$5.07 per offender, per day, or an annual cost of \$1,851 per offender).

The following factors contribute to DOC's minimal assumption:

- DOC assumes the narrow scope of the crime will not encompass a large number of offenders;
- The low felony status of the crime enhances the possibility of plea-bargaining or imposition of a probation sentence;
- The probability exists that offenders would be charged with a similar but more serious offense or that sentences may run concurrent to one another.

In summary, supervision by the DOC through probation or incarceration would result in some additional costs, but it is assumed the impact would be \$0 or a minimal amount that could be absorbed within existing resources.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2015<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2015<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2016    | FY 2017    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <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.

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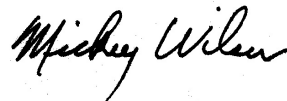
### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct 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 Public Safety  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration  
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