

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1812-01
Bill No.: HB 664
Subject: Economic Development Dept.; Health Care; Optometry
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

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

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state the proposal changes various licensing provisions involved with the practice of optometry. The Department of Economic Development, State of Optometry may choose to promulgate rules to carry out the proposal. These rules would be published in both the Missouri Register and Code of State Regulations. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department of Economic Development could require as many as 8 pages in the Code of State Regulations. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as are published in the Code because of cost statements, fiscal notes and notices that are not published in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27. The actual cost could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded, and withdrawn. The SOS estimates the cost of the proposal to be \$492 [(8 pgs. X \$27) + (12 pgs. X \$23)] for FY 06.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal may impact small business optometrists.

DESCRIPTION

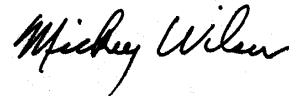
This proposal changes the laws regarding the licensing and practice of optometry. The proposal: (1) Clarifies the definition of "optometry" to include vision therapy, low vision care, and pharmaceutical use; (2) Prohibits any person to offer to practice optometry without a license; (3) Specifies who is qualified to receive a license; (4) Requires optometrists practicing away from their principal place of business to obtain a duplicate license and display it in clear public view; (5) Allows optometrists licensed in other states which have been practicing for the last three years with a pharmaceutical certification to be eligible to make application for licensure; (6) Removes the requirement that the State Board of Optometry give 30 days' notice of the time and place of board meetings; (7) Requires the board to accept renewal applications which include approved continuing education programs which are not available in Missouri; and (8) Repeals and reenacts provisions pertaining to the administering of pharmaceuticals, course of instruction necessary to administer pharmaceuticals, standards of care, and referrals to physicians.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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