

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3548-01
Bill No.: HB 1288
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.; Veterinarians
Type: Original
Date: March 3, 2010

Bill Summary: Establishes the Large Carnivore Act which regulates the ownership, possession and breeding of large carnivores.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Conservation, Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety, Office of Prosecution Services, Department of Natural Resources and Office of State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact to their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assume to implement the provisions of the proposal, the AGR assumes that 4 FTE's would be required to carry out the provisions as outlined.

A Veterinarian/Program Coordinator would be responsible for development, coordination and implementation of the proposal. Develop and implement program guidelines and operating procedures, reviewing applications and determining eligibility for permits, interpreting and explaining state and federal statutes and regulations, respond to inquiries from program participants, general public, humane societies, law enforcement agencies, other state agencies and other states. This position would be required to travel to meet with local and county authorities concerning provisions of this proposal.

An Office Support Assistant would serve as support program coordinator. Assist with the development of program forms, database, issuance of permit and annual renewal process and procedures. Direct program participants and general public to proper destinations; received and distribute program information. Schedule and arrange appointments, travel reservations and provide other duties as assigned.

Two Animal Health Officers would be responsible for the enforcement of state and federal animal health statutes and regulations. Conduct investigations of alleged violations of the proposed legislation. Work with program participants, general public, humane societies, law enforcement agencies, other state agencies and states concerning program issues as well as illegal activities.

As noted, to carry out the responsibility of this proposal there will be program costs for travel, training, vehicles, office/field supplies and vehicles. These figures would be driven by the number of new positions authorized and the scope of the program's responsibilities.

Oversight assumes the Department of Agriculture could absorb the cost of these FTE within their current appropriation level. If multiple initiatives are validated which require similar endeavours at substantial costs, the Department of Agriculture could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Yes – it will require every individual that has an animal that falls under this proposal to obtain a permit from the Department of Agriculture and to maintain liability insurance.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

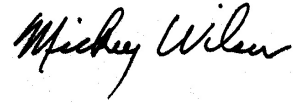
The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Agriculture
Department of Conservation
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Natural Resources

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