

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5259-01  
Bill No.: HB 2427  
Subject: Agriculture; Animals  
Type: Original  
Date: February 28, 2020

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to feral hogs.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<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.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume this proposal will have an unknown fiscal impact likely greater than \$100,000. This proposal conflicts with the efforts of the Department and several partner organizations to eliminate feral hogs in Missouri.

Upon further inquiry, **Oversight** notes MDC stated the unknown negative impact is due to hunting interference and conflict the Missouri Wildlife Code. MDC traps feral hogs. Hunting makes it more difficult to trap hogs; therefore, it takes longer to eliminate the sounder.

**Oversight** notes according to MDC's website, MDC seeks input from the public in regards to changes to the Missouri Wildlife Code on an annual basis. From this input, recommendations are provided to the Director and the Conservation Commission. Oversight assumes there will not be a direct fiscal impact. Fiscal impact will be determined after MDC seeks input from the public in regards to changes to the Missouri Wildlife Code.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (MDA)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** notes that MDA has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for MDA.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u></b>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

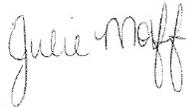
This bill specifies that a person may at any time take or kill as many feral hogs on his or her own property or on any other person's private property with the owner's permission, or on public land without obtaining a permit. However, this does not allow anyone taking a feral hog to trespass on another person's property.

The bill also removes the limitations on taking a feral hog with the use of an artificial light.

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

Missouri Department of Conservation  
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