

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1410-01
Bill No.: SB 328
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Insurance - Medical; Medical Procedures and
Personnel; Physicians
Type: Original
Date: February 23, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
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
None			
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.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Transportation**, the **Department of Insurance**, the **Department of Social Services**, and the **Department of Conservation** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (HCP) officials state that carriers include medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy in their networks without discriminating. HCP states the proposal would not fiscally impact HCP.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** did not respond to our fiscal impact request.

<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

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require interchangeable recognition of medical doctors (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathy (D.O.) by insurance companies and the law. Currently, Section 334.021, RSMo, requires the use of terms such as "physician", "practitioner of medicine" or "practitioner of osteopathy" to mean physicians and surgeons licensed by Chapter 334, RSMo. This proposal would add the provision that no insurance company may discriminate with respect to employment and related issues based on whether the physician is an M.D. or D.O. A provision would also be added to require the interchangeable use of the terms "medical doctor", "M.D.", "physician", "doctor of osteopathy" or "D.O." in executive orders, administrative rules, and

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statutes unless any of those terms are specifically excluded. Finally, any reference to the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties would be inclusive of the other.

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 Transportation
Department of Insurance
Department of Social Services
Department of Conservation
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol



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