

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3045-05
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SCS for SB 656
Subject: Insurance - General; Insurance Department
Type: Original
Date: May 8, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation**, the **Department of Transportation**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol**, the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan**, and the **Department of Insurance** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<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 allows an insurer to provide insurance policies, endorsements, riders and explanatory materials in a language other than English. The English version shall govern disputes. If these materials are provided in a language other than English, the insurer shall provide a copy of the materials in English. The insurer shall disclose on such materials, in both English and the other language, that the translation is for informational purposes only and that the English version of the materials is controlling unless the language in the other language version is shown to be a fraudulent misrepresentation. Under this proposal, any knowing misrepresentation in providing materials in a language other than English shall be a violation of the Unfair Trade Practice Act.

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

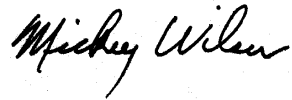
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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