Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 480	0		
Bill #: HB 128			
Document ID #: 15	575		
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT relating to anim therefor.	mal-drawn vehicles and ma	aking an appropriation
Sponsor: Representative R. Travis Brenda			
Unit of Government:		X County X Consolidated Local	Unified Local
Office(s) Impacted:	Law Enforcement		
Requirement: X	Mandatory Opti	ional	
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing	X Adds New El	iminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 128 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 that prohibits any animal-drawn vehicle to operate on a highway if that animal is wearing shoes that will damage the highway. These shoes include, but not limited to shoes with a spike, cleat, or other protuberance that extends beyond the surface of the shoe.

HB 128 also establishes the following penalties:

- First offense: \$25 fine
- Second and subsequent offenses: \$50 fine

These pre-payable fines will be deposited in the state road fund. Additionally, fines will not be subject to court cost or any fees in addition to the fine.

The fiscal impact of HB 128 on local governments is undeterminable. The majority of affected roads are locally maintained and data specific to horseshoe damage is not readily

available. We do know that Kentucky's overall cost of performing routine upkeep such as potholes and repaying averages \$7,300 per lane-mile¹.

Counties that might be impacted more would be those that have a higher number of animal-drawn vehicles and rural agricultural-based counties. Revenues received thru fines, would be filtered back to the local governments through the road fund for the maintenance of local streets and roads.

Wisconsin² is considering similar legislation, but in what is being called a compromise between local government and the state's Amish communities, Wisconsin's proposal would ban studded horseshoes during the summer months, thus allowing them on wintry roads when traction is needed.

Both the Washington Township in Pennsylvania³ and the Davis County Council in Indiana⁴ recently proposed rubber horseshoes, but this proposal was met with concerns of practicality and the horse's well-being in both jurisdictions.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff,(1) London/Corbin Times-Tribune, (2) Wisconsin Public Radio,

(3)Pennsylvania Real-Time News, (4) apnews.com

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