


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Looper
 Sen. King K.

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A PERSON CREDENTIALLED IN ANOTHER STATE WHOSE RESIDENCE IS DETERMINED BY MILITARY ORDERS TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION REGULATED BY COLORADO LAW.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 8, 2012, and took effect July 1, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes military spouses to practice in certain regulated professions or occupations for one year if the spouse is licensed, registered, or certified in good standing to practice in another state, and agrees to be governed by Colorado law. Real estate agents, engineers, surveyors, architects, physicians, physician assistants, optometrists, and people licensed to work with fireworks are specifically excluded from the bill. If the person who is practicing in Colorado wants to continue to practice after one year, he or she must apply for authority from the appropriate licensing agency. The bill also directs licensing agencies to provide a six month exemption to regulated persons who are on active duty for more than 120 days from paying certification fees and completing continuing education requirements that become due during their period of active duty. It allows licensing agencies to accept continuing education, training, or service completed during military service toward the educational qualifications required to renew the person's authority to practice.

The bill changes the term "emergency medical technician" to "emergency medical service provider" to align with other states. A military service member or spouse who is an "emergency services provider" certified or licensed in another state is exempt from certification in Colorado. The exemptions and education options noted above also apply to emergency service providers.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase the rulemaking workload of the DORA and the Department of Public Health and Environment in FY 2012-13. Both agencies are required to adopt rules to implement the bill. The legal hours associated with rulemaking are expected to be minimal and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Corrections
Public Safety

Public Health and Environment
Regulatory Agencies