

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**FINAL**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0618  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gardner B.  
 Sen. Nicholson

**Date:** July 25, 2012  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Alex Schatz (303-866-4375)

**TITLE:** CONCERNING A LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR THE TREATMENT COSTS OF SPECIFIED HEALTH CARE CONDITIONS OF A PERSON IN CUSTODY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary Committee on March 8, 2012.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> Potential cost savings to municipal and county law enforcement.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill provides that persons in the custody of municipal jails are responsible for the cost of medical care for self-inflicted injuries or preexisting conditions. The bill also extends the responsibility of a person in custody to cover the cost of medical care to all situations where the person is in the custody or control of a county or municipal law enforcement agency.

**Background**

Under current law, a person held in the custody of a county jail is responsible for the cost of medical care related to self-inflicted injuries or preexisting conditions. The county operating a jail may seek payment or reimbursement for medical services rendered for such injuries or conditions.

**Local Government Impact**

Under current law, a municipality is responsible for the cost of medical care for a person in the custody of its jail, including self-inflicted injuries and preexisting conditions. The bill reduces costs to municipal law enforcement agencies for medical costs that will be reimbursed or billed directly to the person in custody. The bill also reduces costs to both municipal and county law

enforcement agencies for medical care when a person has self-inflicted injuries or a preexisting condition and is in custody, but has not been booked into a jail. Cost savings in arrest, transport, detention, and jail situations where persons in custody require medical care are expected to be significant but cannot be quantified for this analysis.

**Departments Contacted**

Corrections  
Health Care Policy & Financing  
Human Services

Judicial  
Local Affairs

Public Safety  
Law