



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO REGULATE AN UNREGULATED PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION.

### **Summary of Legislation**

This bill modifies the sunrise review process. A sunrise review examines whether or not there is a need to regulate a previously unregulated occupation or profession. Typically, a professional association requests that a sunrise review be undertaken.

The bill establishes a new sunrise review cycle under which a proposal to regulate a profession must be submitted to the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) by December 1 in order for the DORA to review and issue a report by October 15 of the following year. The department may decline to review a proposal only when it has already reviewed the same proposal, issued a report less than 26 months earlier, and finds that its conclusions would be the same as those in the initial report.

The bill restricts the General Assembly to consideration of not more than 5 measures to regulate a profession or occupation during a legislative session. If a sunrise report is issued or reissued during a legislative session, proponents of regulatory legislation cannot request that the General Assembly consider legislation during that same session. Instead, proponents must wait until one of the following two legislative sessions to request legislation. The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **Assessment**

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It is not anticipated to significantly change the number of sunrise reviews conducted by the Office of Policy, Research, and Regulatory Reform at the DORA. The bill merely sets deadlines for application and review of professional occupations, limits the reasons why the DORA may decline to conduct a sunrise review, and limits the number and timing of regulatory bills that may be considered during a legislative session.

### **Departments Contacted**

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