


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Looper

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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 General Fund Cash Funds Various Cash Funds	Reduction-See State Revenue section.	
State Expenditures General Fund	\$22,815	\$20,463
FTE Position Change	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Effective Date: July 1, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
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 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 in rule 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 becomes due during their period of active duty. It allows licensing agencies to accept continuing education, training, or service completed during military service towards the educational qualifications required to renew the person's authority to practice.

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. The bill changes the term "emergency medical technician" to "emergency medical service provider" to align with other states.

State Revenue

By exempting people from licensing fees, the licensing agencies will see a reduction in revenue from fees to the General Fund and various cash funds. These amounts will depend on the number of individuals who choose to exercise this option. This reduction cannot be quantified.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase General Fund expenditures by \$22,815 and 0.5 FTE in FY 2012-13 and \$20,463 and 0.5 FTE in FY 2013-14. These costs are shown in Table 1 and explained below.

The Department of Public Safety relies on the licensing of architects and engineers to determine if plans submitted for construction of public schools, junior colleges and limited gaming establishments meet building code requirements. By not having that licensing information available, the department will need to individually research and confirm the credentials of each architect and engineer that are practicing under this bill. The department will also need to research individuals working in the fireworks trade in order to provide waivers to local jurisdictions for their permitting processes. This effort is expected to require 0.5 FTE.

The Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Public Health and Environment are required to adopt rules to implement the bill. The legal hours associated with rulemaking are expected to be minimal and addressed within existing appropriations.

Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Personal Services	\$19,988	\$19,988
FTE	0.5	0.5
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay	2,827	475
TOTAL	\$22,815	\$20,463

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB12-1059*		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$3,057	\$3,057
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	1,066	1,227
TOTAL	\$4,123	\$4,284

**More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>*

State Appropriations

The Department of Public Safety requires a General Fund appropriation of \$22,815 and 0.5 FTE for FY 2012-13.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies
Corrections

Public Safety

Public Health and Environment