

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

Drafting Number: LLS 12-0178
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Carroll
 Rep. Duran

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Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services
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TITLE: CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED HOSPITAL PROVIDE NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF ANY SERVICE NOT PROVIDED BY THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF MORAL CONVICTIONS BASED ON RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires hospitals to provide notice of all services that the hospital refuses to provide because of religious beliefs or moral convictions. The notice must inform patients of their right to obtain these services from another hospital. The hospital must provide the notice prior to or at admission of the patient or as soon after admission as is practicable. The Department of Public Health and Environment will specify the manner of notice that must be provided.

State Expenditures

The Department of Public Health and Environment will develop a rule to address the bill requirements. The workload associated with the rulemaking is expected to be minimal and to be addressed within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment