



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services
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TITLE: CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING THE CRITERIA FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS TO QUALIFY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS, MODIFYING THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS APPLYING TO TAKE THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE EXAMINATION OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM, AND PERMITTING A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS PASSED A NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND AN EXAMINATION IN ANOTHER STATE TO SIT FOR THE COLORADO LICENSURE EXAMINATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-12 (Current Year)	FY 2012-13
State Revenue	Increase-See State Revenue section	
State Expenditures	\$1,507	
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 makes changes to the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (board), and the licensing process for nursing home administrators (NHAs). These changes include:

- expanding board membership eligibility;
- reducing the experience and supervision requirements to qualify an applicant to take the NHA examination;
- allowing an applicant who has passed a national examination and an examination in another state to take the Colorado examination; and
- reducing the training required for admission into the Nursing Home Administrator-In-Training Program from 2,000 to 500 hours.

State Revenue

This bill is expected to increase revenue to the Division of Registrations Cash Fund from licensing fees. Because the bill makes it easier for an applicant to qualify for licensure, the fiscal note assumes that some people will apply for licensure sooner than they might have under the stricter requirements. The number of new applicants as a result of the bill cannot be determined. In FY 2010-11, the division had 23 applicants and 32 in the prior year that paid the \$200 fee, so the increase in fee revenue is not expected to be significant.

State Expenditures

Assuming that this bill becomes effective during FY 2011-12, it is expected to increase expenditures from the Division of Registrations Cash Fund by \$1,507 in FY 2011-12. These costs are shown in Table 1 and explained below.

Assuming that the bill will become effective in the current fiscal year, the board will need to conduct an emergency rulemaking hearing. Board members will incur expenses of \$750 to attend the hearing. The legal services required to promulgate the rules are estimated at \$757 for 10 hours at a rate of \$75.71 per hour. These costs can be addressed within existing appropriations, so no additional funding is required.

Cost Components	FY 2011-12
Board Expenses	\$750
Legal Services	757
TOTAL	\$1,507

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies Law