

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Kefalas
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SHORT TITLE: VETERINARY TECHNICIANS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes a deceptive trade practice under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act (CCPA) for veterinary technicians, certified veterinary technicians, and veterinary technician specialists who, either orally or in writing, make false statements about their professional qualifications. All veterinary technicians, certified veterinary technicians, and veterinary technician specialists can only use the professional titles for which they possess the necessary educational background, accreditations, and documentation from the appropriate veterinary association.

State Expenditures

As the enforcement agency for the CCPA, the Department of Law may receive consumer complaints regarding veterinary technicians. The bill is anticipated to result in a minimal number of complaints, with a minimal workload increase. Any potential increase in consumer complaints will be addressed as routine business for the department and will not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Law Regulatory Agencies