



**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Hodge  
 Rep. May

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**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services  
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**SHORT TITLE:** PROVISIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
<b>State Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>
Cash Funds	15,000	15,000
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$18,336</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,960</u></b>
Cash Funds	18,336	11,960
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$18,336 - Department of Regulatory Agencies (FY 2014-15)		

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

### Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Physical Therapy Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to issue provisional physical therapy licenses to applicants who submit an application, pay the required fee, and successfully complete a qualified physical therapy program. Persons holding a provisional license may only practice under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Provisional physical therapy licenses are valid for no more than 90 days.

### State Revenue

The bill increases revenue to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund in DORA by **\$15,000 in FY 2014-15 and \$15,000 in FY 2015-16**, as discussed below.

**Fee impact on individuals and business.** Section 2-2-322, C.R.S., requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The bill creates a new provisional license type and fee for physical therapists. Table 1 shows the estimated fee impact under the bill; the actual fee amount will be set by DORA. The fiscal note assumes 200 provisional licenses will be issued annually.

Type of Fee	Proposed Fee	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
FY 2014-15 Provisional License	\$75.00	200	\$15,000
FY 2015-16 Provisional License	\$75.00	200	\$15,000

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases cash fund expenditures in DORA by **\$18,336 in FY 2014-15 and \$11,960 in FY 2015-16** and beyond. These costs, paid from the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund, are described below.

**Provisional licenses.** DORA will have a minimal increase in workload to process provisional physical therapist licenses. It is assumed that this work can be accomplished within existing appropriations to DORA.

**Legal services.** DORA requires \$18,216 for 200 hours of legal services in the first year and \$11,840 for 130 hours of legal services in the second year. Legal services, provided by the Department of Law, are for assistance in rulemaking, license denials, disciplinary actions, and other matters. The Department of Law requires reappropriated funds and 0.1 FTE to provide legal services to DORA.

**Printing, postage, and scanning.** DORA will have costs of \$120 per year for printing, mailing, and scanning of license applications and related documents.

## **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 Appropriations**

The bill requires the following appropriations in FY 2014-15:

- \$18,336 to DORA from the Division of Occupations and Professions Cash Fund; and
- \$18,216 to the Department of Law in reappropriated funds from DORA and 0.1 FTE.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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