# Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note STATE

# FISCAL IMPACT

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**SHORT TITLE:** MILITARY & FAMILY PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
Cash Funds	Revenue reduction.	
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	Workload reduction.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

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

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, a military spouse who is authorized to practice in another state in certain professions and occupations, can practice for one year without applying for authority under Colorado law. This bill provides reciprocity for three years to an active-duty service member, a military spouse, or a military dependent for the professions and occupations regulated under Title 12 without the exceptions included under current law.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill is expected to reduce revenue for a number of regulated professions and occupations cash funds. Because the number of individuals that will be eligible for reciprocity is not known, the loss of revenue cannot be determined. Any reduction in revenue is expected to be minimal.

#### **State Expenditures**

This bill is expected to increase workload in the short term but reduce workload in the long term for regulatory boards and divisions beginning in FY 2014-15. Boards and divisions such as those in the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Natural Resources will be required to modify any rules and applications that are in conflict with this bill. This work can be accomplished during regular rulemaking using existing appropriations for legal services. Because reciprocity is extended to three years for a larger population than military spouses, applications for practice authority will be reduced. Although the number of individuals that will be eligible for reciprocity is not known, the overall reduction in applications and associated workload is expected to be minimal.

### **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**

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