

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell Rep. Moreno	Bill Status: Senate Business, Labor, and Technology
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET MESSAGE PARLOR REGULATION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
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 repeals the ability of some local governments to license massage parlors through the sunset of the Colorado Massage Parlor Code, effective July 1, 2015.

Background

House Bill 77-1558 established the local licensing of massage parlors by counties and municipalities, and this authority was reauthorized several times through the sunset process, with some modification, over the years. Local licensing of massage parlors is optional for local governments. Senate Bill 08-219 established state regulation of massage therapists and specified that locations where a registered massage therapist practiced were excluded from the definition of "massage parlor." Therefore, locally licensed massage parlors only cover establishments where unlicensed individuals offer massage that falls outside of the definition of "massage therapy." Currently, approximately ten municipalities and one county currently license massage parlors.

Local Government Impact

The bill limits the ability of local governments to license massage parlors. However, given the relatively small number of local governments choosing to implement local licensing programs and the small number of licensed establishments, the potential reduction in fee revenue and expenditures associated with local licencing programs will be limited. Further, the majority of local governments licensing massage parlors are home-rule cities and these cities are able to continue local regulation without state authorization, if they so choose.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies
Municipalities

Local Affairs
Counties

Law