

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Singer
 Sen. Crowder

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Bill Status: House Business, Affairs and Labor
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BILL TOPIC: LADDER SAFETY

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
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

This bill requires construction workers to secure ladders when working on an unstable or elevated surface. The bill also excuses construction workers from following local, state, and federal ladder-related laws in certain emergencies. The bill encourages construction entities and insurance providers to promote ladder safety through training programs.

State Expenditures

Workload in the Judicial Department will increase by a minimal amount as a result of this bill. By creating a statutory duty of care for the use of ladders in certain situations, the bill may result in additional negligence claims. By providing a statutory defense for emergencies in ladder-related cases, courts may hear additional evidence and make additional findings when the defense is asserted. To the extent that similar claims and defenses are recognized under existing common law in Colorado, and because a very small number of cases are anticipated to be affected by the bill, the net increase in judicial workload is minimal and does not require a change in appropriations.

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.

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