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Research Note

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Sponsors

*Representative Garnett,
Representative Kraft-Tharp
Senator Tate*

Short Title

*Sunset Review Skolnik Medical
Transparency Act*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill adds a September 1, 2021, repeal date for the administration of the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act (Skolnik Act) by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Prior to the repeal, the program will undergo a sunset review.

Background

The Skolnik Act requires various health care professionals to report information regarding their licensing history, prior disciplinary action, malpractice suits, and criminal convictions. The Skolnik Act is operated by DORA under the program name "Health Professional Profile Program" (HPPP). Information about health professionals reported to DORA is publicly available through a searchable database. The HPPP is operated as a centralized program for all covered health professions regulated in DORA's Division of Professions and Occupations (division). Under current law, the division is subject to a sunset review, but not an automatic repeal, every 10 years.

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House Action

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (February 16, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from Colorado Citizens for Science in Medicine and one private individual testified in opposition to the bill. A representative from DORA responded to questions from the committee. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 18, 2016). The House passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

House third reading (February 19, 2016). The House passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee (March 16, 2016). The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (March 21, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

Senate third reading (March 22, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.