BILL TOPIC: LIQUOR-LICENSED DRUGSTORES ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFERS

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, establishments that are licensed to sell beer, wine, or spirits are prohibited from having an ATM in which individuals enrolled in public assistance programs may obtain cash benefits through the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program. The bill exempts liquor-licensed drugstores from this prohibition.

State Expenditures

In FY 2017-18 only, the bill increases workload and costs in the Department of Human Services and Department of Revenue by a minimal amount, as discussed below.

Department of Human Services. The bill increases workload and costs for the Department of Human Services to update materials and communicate to public assistance recipients where and how they can and cannot access benefits using their EBT cards. Costs are expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Department of Revenue. The bill increases the workload for Department of Revenue to conduct one-time rulemaking related to the bill. Legal services are provided by the Department of Law. The increase is expected to be accomplished within the department's annual allocation of legal services. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

To the extent that county departments of human services update materials or communicate with public assistance recipients regarding the change, workload will increase by a minimal amount in FY 2017-18.
Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

    Human Services    Revenue

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: www.leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes/