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HB 19-1145

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Tipper; Jaquez Lewis

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: PRIMARY RESIDENCE EXEMPT LIENS FOR MEDICAL DEBT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government (<i>minimal</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill exempts a person's primary residence from the attachment or execution of a lien as a result of a judgement for medical debt. This bill minimally decreases state and local government workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill exempts a person's primary residence from the attachment or execution of a lien as a result from a judgement for medical debt. Any person recording a transcript of the judgement must include an affidavit stating that they are an authorized agent of the judgement creditor and indicating whether the judgement is for the collection of medical debt.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, this bill minimally decreases state agency workload as described below.

Judicial Department. By exempting a person's primary residence from a medical lien, the number of motions to place a lien on a property will decrease, thus decreasing trial court workload. Dating back to January 2016, a total of 62 motions for a lien have been filed in the courts. As a result, any reduction in workload is expected to be minimal and will not result in a decrease in appropriations.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. This bill minimally decreases Division of Insurance workload to investigate and respond to medical billing insurance complaints as they relate to a property lien resulting from medical debt.

Local Government

Similar to the state, beginning in FY 2019-20, this bill minimally decreases workload in the City and County of Denver to process property lien motions in Denver County Court.

Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Finance Committee on March 11, 2019.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Law

County Clerks
Regulatory Agencies

Judicial