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Final Fiscal Note

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Rep. Mullica

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **DORA REGULATOR AUTHORITY DURING DECLARED EMERGENCY**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill would have permitted the Department of Regulatory Agencies to suspend certain statutes or rules during a declared disaster emergency. It would have increased state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation would have been required.

Fiscal Note Status: The 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

During a declared disaster emergency, the bill permits regulatory bodies within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to promulgate emergency rules that temporarily suspend or waive specific statutes or rules concerning the practice of a profession if strict compliance would prevent, hinder, or delay action in responding to the disaster emergency. The authority to suspend a statute or rule is limited to regulatory requirements for a profession in Title 12 statutes, as well as laws and rules that are specifically related to the nature of the disaster emergency. The authority ends 60 days after the disaster emergency ends.

State Expenditures

Workload may increase in DORA and the Department of Law to promulgate emergency rules, if the governor declares a disaster emergency. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee on March 17, 2021.

State and Local Government Contacts

Law Regulatory Agencies