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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Michaelson Jenet Rep. Young	Bill Status:	Senate Health & Human Services
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Bill Topic:	MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill modifies various requirements for licensed mental health professionals to practice in the state. It minimally increases state workload starting in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill modifies requirements for licensed mental health professionals, including psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and addiction counselors, to practice in the state. Specifically, the bill:

- repeals the requirement for mental health professionals to disclose the difference between licensure, registration, and certification to clients;
- allows a licensed psychometrician or a student trainee under supervision to administer psychometric or electrodiagnostic testing for licensure, registration, and certification;
- requires a license candidate to take and pass the Colorado Mental Health Jurisprudence Examination in order to obtain a candidate registration;
- allows a license candidate to renew a candidate registration for four years if the candidate submits an application for renewal to the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) before the registration expires;
- allows a license candidate whose registration has expired to reapply for a candidate registration; and,
- clarifies experience and examination requirements for social workers and professional counselors.

DORA must begin making rules by December 31, 2024 to bring license and license candidate rules into alignment with statute.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in DORA to make rules and conduct educational outreach to mental health professionals. The department may require legal counsel, provided by the Department of Law, related to rulemaking, implementation, and ongoing administration of the program. Any increase in workload and costs can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services
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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 the [General Assembly website](#).