



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1296: REVISION TO NURSE & NURSE AIDE PRACTICE ACT

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**Fiscal note status:** This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Statutory Revision Committee. It has been updated to make a technical correction to language included in the original fiscal note.

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** This bill adds clarifying statutory references related to timely completion of a medical certification of death.

**Types of impacts.** The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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Under current law, advanced practice registered nurses are required to complete medical certifications on death certificates, but disciplinary authority was referenced only in the Colorado Medical Practice Act, which does not govern advanced practice registered nurses. This bill adds a cross reference in Title 25 to the Nurse and Nurse Aide Practice Act for disciplinary authority related to failure to timely complete a medical certificate of death. The bill clarifies that repeated or willful failure by an advanced practice registered nurses to complete a medical certification of death constitutes grounds for discipline under the Nurse and Nurse Aide Practice Act.

## Background

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[House Bill 25-1082](#) added physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to professionals required to timely complete the medical certification for a certificate of death. That bill also designated repeated or willful failure to complete a death certificate as unprofessional conduct under the Colorado Medical Practice Act.

While physician assistants are regulated under the Medical Practice Act, advanced practice registered nurses are regulated under the Nurse and Nurse Aide Practice Act. HB 25-1082 referenced discipline under the Medical Practice Act which created uncertainty as to whether advanced practice registered nurses could be disciplined for failing to timely complete a medical certification of death.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

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The bill clarifies existing statutory cross references and does not create new duties or programs. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

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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

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Judicial

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