



## Fiscal Note

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

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Rep. Bradley; Carter

Sen. Ball; Rich

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law**Drafting Number:** LLS 26-0623**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 18, 2026

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Statutory Revision Committee.

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### Summary Information

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

**No fiscal impact.** 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<br>FY 2026-27 | Out Year<br>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                |

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## 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 was signed into law by the Governor on May 5, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Judicial

Regulatory Agencies

Public Health and Environment