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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: RETIRED ARCHITECTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		Minimal change.
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal revenue impact and minimal workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows licensed architects over 65 years of age to apply to the state Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Professional Land Surveyors (board) for classification as a retired architect. The retired classification requires the payment of a fee and cessation of practice. The bill permits reinstatement upon payment of a fee and allows the board to reexamine the applicant to establish competency.

Background

There are currently about 6,500 licensed architects in Colorado. Architect licenses are two-year and expire on October 31 in odd-numbered years. The application fees are as follows: \$100 for an original license; \$66 for license reactivation; \$51 for a license renewal; and \$0 to register as inactive.

State Revenue

The bill is anticipated to minimally impact fee revenue to the Division of Professions and Occupations (DPO) cash fund in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) beginning in FY 2017-18. The fiscal note estimates that the number of architects that will apply for retired classification will be minimal in future years, but will be about 3 percent of the current population of architects in FY 2017-18, since October 31, 2017, is the nearest expiration date for all state architects' licenses and provides the first opportunity to apply for retired classification.

Fee impact on retired architects. State law requires legislative service agency review of measures that create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The fiscal note estimates the fee for registering as a retired architect is \$20, which is currently the fee for registering as a retired engineer or land surveyor. This fee is an estimate only; actual fee calculations are set administratively by DORA based on the cash fund balance, estimated program costs, and the estimated number of licenses.

The fiscal note assumes that 3 percent of the current population of architects (or 97 architects) will opt for a retired architect license in FY 2017-18. By doing so, these individuals will either pay a lesser fee than renewal (\$20 instead of \$51), or a higher fee than registering as inactive (\$20 instead of \$0); therefore a minimal change is expected in the DPO Cash Fund in DORA.

State Expenditures

The bill creates an ongoing minimal workload increase for DORA beginning in FY 2016-17. The board will have required rulemaking in order to establish a fee for the retired architect classification, and updates will be made to forms and the website in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18. In future fiscal years, the board will also be required to review reinstatements to determine applicants' competency, but the number of retired architects wanting to reinstate their license is expected to be low. These impacts are expected to be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 16, 2016, and takes effect August 10, 2016, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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