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Research Note

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House Bill 17-1043

Sponsors

**Representatives Navarro & Gray
Senators Priola & Williams A.**

Short Title

**Continue Funding Fraud
Investigators Unit**

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which became law upon signature of the Governor on June 6, 2017.

Background

House Bill 14-1057 increased the fraud investigation surcharge on Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings with the Secretary of State from \$3 to \$4 per filing from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017. The UCC is a set of laws governing business transactions throughout the United States. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories have adopted some version of the UCC.

The fraud investigation surcharge is used to fund the investigation unit within the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). CBI agents provide investigative assistance to local law enforcement agencies for criminal activities such as homicide, arson, sexual assault, burglary, theft, and public corruption. Typically, the CBI assists in local investigations at the request of a police department, sheriff's office, or a district attorney's office. The CBI has the statutory authority to initiate investigations of organized crime when such crimes cross local jurisdictional boundaries. It also investigates suspected criminal activity at the direction of the Governor.

House Action

House Finance Committee (January 30, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado Bankers Association, the Department of State, and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.

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House Appropriations Committee (April 28, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (April 28, 2017). The House passed the bill on second reading.

House third reading (May 1, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading.

Senate Action

Senate Finance Committee (May 4, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado Bankers Association, and the Department of State testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001, which extends the scheduled repeal and report date an additional two years, and referred the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations Committee (May 5, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (May 9, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Finance Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (May 10, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading.