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*Research Note*

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Affairs Committee  
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**Bill Number**

**House Bill 17-1080**

**Sponsors**

***Representative Young***  
***Senator Sonnenberg***

**Short Title**

***Requirements Durable Medical  
Equipment Suppliers***

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**Status**

The bill is currently pending before the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. This research note reflects the reengrossed bill.

**Background**

House Bill 14-1369 required durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers to be licensed by the Secretary of State. Currently, there are around 515 suppliers licensed in the state, and the current license fee is \$350. The Secretary of State's Office currently has 0.1 FTE dedicated to DME licensing. The Colorado Medicaid Program spent about \$167 million on DME services in FY 2015-16 for Medicaid clients and clients dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. DME suppliers are not currently required to be licensed to be paid through Colorado's Medicaid program. Under current state law and Medicaid regulations, a DME provider must be located within Colorado or 50 miles of the border, unless certain exceptions are met (an out-of-state supplier provides a unique DME product not available in the state, the DME supplies are for a foster child, Medicaid is paying a Medicare cross-over claim for a dually eligible client).

**House Action**

***House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (March 30, 2017).*** At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers, Rocky Mountain Medical Equipment, and Nepenthe Home Medical Equipment testified in support of the bill. Representatives from the Bone Growth Stimulator Coalition testified in opposition to the bill.

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The committee adopted amendment L.001, and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee. Amendment L.001, a strike-below amendment, made procedural changes and gave the Secretary of State rulemaking authority.

***House Appropriations Committee (April 13, 2017).*** The committee adopted amendment J.001 and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole, as amended. The amendment added an appropriations clause to the bill.

***House second Reading (April 13, 2017).*** The House adopted the House Health, Insurance, and Environment and Appropriations committee reports and Amendment No.3. Amendment No.3 made technical corrections to the bill. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

***House third reading (April 18, 2017).*** The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.