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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Ginal Rep. Mullica	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Business
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**Bill Topic:** DORA REGULATOR AUTHORITY DURING DECLARED EMERGENCY

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill permits the Department of Regulatory Agencies to suspend certain statutes or rules during a declared disaster emergency. It increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

During a declared disaster emergency, the bill permits regulatory bodies within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to promulgate emergency rules that temporarily suspend or waive specific statutes or rules concerning the practice of a profession if strict compliance would prevent, hinder, or delay action in responding to the disaster emergency. The authority to suspend a statute or rule is limited to regulatory requirements for a profession in Title 12 statutes, as well as laws and rules that are specifically related to the nature of the disaster emergency. The authority ends 60 days after the disaster emergency ends.

## State Expenditures

Workload may increase in DORA and the Department of Law to promulgate emergency rules, if the governor declares a disaster emergency. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Law                      Regulatory Agencies