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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: TIMELY CERTIFIED DEATH CERTIFICATES

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill changes the timeframe required for a funeral director to file a certificate of death from 5 days to 72 hours and requires the use of the electronic death registration system.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill changes the time frame required for funeral directors to file a certificate of death with the state registrar from 5 days to 72 hours, upon assuming custody of a dead body, with exceptions for when additional time is necessary to determine the cause and manner of death.

Background

Current Colorado law requires a certificate of death be filed with the Office of State Registrar of Vital Statistics in CDPHE within five days after a death occurs. Over the past three years, Colorado recorded an average of 42,000 deaths per year.

State Expenditure

By requiring the use of the EDRS, the bill will decrease workload for the CDPHE. It is assumed that a decrease in staffing is not required, and that this change will result in faster processing of all types of certificate requests.

Local Government

County coroners and county vital records office staff may have increased workloads to meet the bill's accelerated time frames. The exact impact will vary depending on their current practices.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 1, 2023, and it took effect on August 7, 2023.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Coroners
Law
Regulatory Agencies

Counties
Local Affairs

Information Technology
Public Health