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**SB16-134**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0829 **Date:** July 13, 2016  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Heath; Garcia **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
 Rep. Danielson; Kagan **Fiscal Analyst:** Erin Reynolds (303-866-4146)

**BILL TOPIC:** PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FOR MILITARY VETERANS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2015-2016 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.			
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal workload increase.			

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires that a military veteran's service experience be considered toward commercial driver's license (CDL) qualifications. Specifically, the Department of Revenue (DOR) must consider a military veteran's training, education, or experience during the CDL licensing process, and may provide credit toward a CDL for those qualifications.

The Division of Veterans Affairs in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is required to make reasonable efforts to notify military veterans returning home or planning to relocate to Colorado of the DOR's requirements under the bill and of similar requirements under current law for the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to consider military service as a qualifier for licensing and certification for the 50 professions it regulates.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase workload in DOR and DMVA as described below. This workload increase is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Department of Revenue.** The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within DOR has previously established a "Vets2Trucks" program, in collaboration with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the DMVA, and local military bases. Under the program, the DMV waives the commercial driving skills portion of the CDL test for active military members or veterans who provide proof of qualification; these individuals must pass the written test. DOR is expected to continue expanding their existing efforts.

***Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.*** The Division of Veterans Affairs in DMVA will notify military veterans returning home or relocating to Colorado of state licensure programs that consider military experience as a qualification as part of its ongoing workload acting as a liaison between the state and local veterans services offices.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 27, 2016.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Agriculture	Higher Education	Judicial
Law	Military Affairs	Natural Resources
Public Health and Environment	Regulatory Agencies	Revenue
Secretary of State		

**Research Note Available**

An LCS Research Note for SB 16-134 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.