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**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Crowder
Rep. Weissman

Date: March 21, 2017
Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$7,500	\$7,500
<i>Continuing Expenditures</i>		
Cash Funds	7,500	7,500
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Continuation of current expenditures.		

Note: This fiscal note was revised to include new information from the department.

Summary of Legislation

The bill implements the recommendations contained in the Department of Regulatory Agencies' sunset report on the Board of Veterans Affairs and eliminates the repeal date of the board, continuing it indefinitely.

Background

The Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs is a seven-member board housed in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and all members must be honorably discharged veterans of military service. The board acts in an advisory capacity to the state regarding veterans affairs and reviews. Additionally, the board reviews grant applications for the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) and recommends approval of VTF funds through a competitive grant process. In FY 2015-16, the board approved \$832,930 in grants from the VTF.

State Expenditures

By continuing the Board of Veterans Affairs, the bill will increase state cash fund expenditures in the Department of Military Affairs by \$7,500 per year beginning in FY 2017-18 to reimburse board members for travel and other expenses. These costs represent a continuation of the current expenses incurred by the board. Funding for these expenses is included in the department's base budget request for FY 2017-18, so no appropriation is required.

Effective Date

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

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