

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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SHORT TITLE: LIMIT MENTAL HEALTH DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that any disciplinary proceeding against a mental health licensee, registrant, or certificate holder must occur within three years of the alleged act or failure to act that results in the proceeding. Current law does not specify a time frame in which disciplinary proceedings must begin.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase workload in some agencies by a minimal amount.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. The Division of Professions and Occupations within the department may need to adopt rules to reflect the new limitation. The division may also choose to alert consumers of the changes through public education outreach. However, any additional work can be absorbed within the normal course of business and does not require new appropriations.

Department of Law. As a result of the new statute of limitations, the department may see a slight reduction in the number of disciplinary proceedings against mental health professionals. However, this potential decrease is likely to be minimal and will not greatly impact the department's current workload.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee on April 17, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services Judicial Law Regulatory Agencies