

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: RETAIL MARIJUANA FINGERPRINT CHECK LOCAL AUTHORITY

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

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill conforms retail marijuana licensing law with medical marijuana law by allowing a local jurisdiction to submit fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based criminal history record checks for an individual applying for a retail marijuana establishment license. If the individual's fingerprints are unclassifiable, the local jurisdiction may acquire a name-based criminal history check.

State Revenue

This bill is expected to result in a minimal increase in cash fund revenue to the CBI Identification Unit Fund in DPS from fees for fingerprint-based criminal background checks. Given that few local jurisdictions allow retail marijuana establishments and that many retail licensees are already subject to the background checks for medical marijuana licensing, the fiscal note assumes that the bill will result in a minimal increase in the number of fingerprint-based criminal background checks.

State Expenditures

The minimal increase in revenue noted above corresponds to a minimal increase in expenditures for fingerprint-based criminal background checks. The DPS receives an annual appropriation for this purpose, so no new appropriation is required.

Local Government Impact

Local jurisdictions that choose to require their own fingerprint-based criminal background checks for applicants for retail marijuana establishment licenses, will see an increase in expenditures for those checks. These are expected to be minimal and may be recovered from the individuals subject to the checks.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Municipalities

Counties

Revenue

Public Safety