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Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules

The corresponding proposed Rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the January 20, 2025 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20th of each month.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	Commercial Feed	<p>The federal definition of a very small business, means a business (including any subsidiaries and affiliates) averaging less than \$2.5 M, adjusted for inflation, per year, during the 3-year period preceding the applicable calendar year in sales of animal food plus the market value of animal food manufactured, processed, packed, or held without sale (i.e. held for a fee or supplied to a farm without sale). As per available knowledge, changing the current label registration fee matrix (LAC 7:121(B)) to a \$10 flat rate would not affect any registrants classified as a very small business.</p> <p>Revisions to LAC 7:123, Deficiency Assessments and Penalties, would have a direct effect on all registrants deficient in guaranteed feeding units when analyzed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Agricultural Chemistry Laboratory. Estimated costs to registrants are penalties assessed for products deficient in nutritional feeding units guaranteed on the label. As per R.S. 3:1400(B), all deficiency assessments; shall be paid to the person who purchased the feed for use when that person can be identified. If the person cannot be identified, the deficiency assessment shall be paid to the Louisiana Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission.</p> <p>All other provisions in this proposed rule change would have no effect on persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.</p>
Board of Ethics	Campaign Finance Complaints	<p>The proposed rule provides instructions to those who wish to file a complaint regarding violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and should not have a fiscal impact on these groups.</p>
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Early Childhood Centers and Providers	<p>There may be costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change should an early learning center or provider choose to maintain a supply of stock medications. The cost to purchase the medication will be market price unless discounted pricing is negotiated. The associated training may also constitute a cost for employers who choose to participate in the program. Other trainings are already required in BESE policy and would not constitute an increase in costs. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) also provides some trainings free of charge.</p>
Board of Regents	2024-2025 Chafee ETV Award Amount	<p>Individuals who are eligible for the Chafee ETV may now qualify for more federal financial assistance. Previously, the Chafee ETV was considered “other financial assistance” when determining a student's eligibility for other federal financial assistance, resulting in a reduction of any other federal financial assistance a student may be eligible to receive. The proposed change prevents such a reduction and allows eligible students to receive the full award amount without regard to financial need or other federal financial assistance received. The proposed change will not provide or impact economic benefits to small businesses or non-governmental groups.</p>
Board of Regents	Scholarship/Grant Programs 2024 COVID-19 Exceptions	<p>The proposed rulemaking will benefit students impacted by COVID-19 by enabling them to retain their TOPS funding and pursue postsecondary education and thus gain educational benefits and access to higher paying jobs.</p>
Department of Environmental Quality	Advanced Recycling	<p>The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in a change in costs or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.</p>

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Office of the Governor (CLECACJ)	Peace Officer Training	There will be an economic cost to those out-of-state peace officers with revoked certifications, as they will no longer be eligible for certification in Louisiana, and thus ineligible to be employed or earn wages as a peace officer in Louisiana.
Office of the Governor(DOA) and Public Safety and Corrections (PSS)	Louisiana State Police Video Public Records Requests	To the extent that individuals, small businesses, or non-governmental groups request video recordings from body-worn cameras, in-car cameras, and third-party videos pertaining to public records requests, a minimum cost of \$10 per video will be incurred.
Department of Health	Continuing Education Requirements	The proposed rule change is anticipated to reduce their overall expenses associated with obtaining continuing education credits. While the exact monetary benefit cannot be determined, it represents a cost-saving opportunity for board members.
Department of Health	Applications for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology LSSP Committee Composition	<p>It is anticipated and intended that the proposed rule change will positively impact individuals qualifying for one of the new licensing application processes created for LSSPs through legacy, reciprocity, endorsement, and military licensing provisions. These processes will provide expedited pathways to licensure for individuals currently licensed in other jurisdictions within the United States, individuals working in other states who are moving back to Louisiana and seeking licensure under the Welcome Home Act of the 2024 Regular Session, active-duty military members and their dependents, as well as individuals holding certification as certified school psychologists. These provisions will enable certified school psychologists to obtain a license for independent practice as an LSSP, thereby expanding employment and work opportunities for those individuals.</p> <p>The proposed rule change will have the potential to address mental health care needs in Louisiana by increasing the number of professionals qualified to provide reimbursable psychological services to and through universities, school districts, local educational agencies, charter schools, and other organizations or governmental entities within educational systems. Additionally, the proposed amendment will enhance the inclusiveness of LSSPs on the LSSP Advisory Committee to the LSBEP by increasing the number of available LSSP positions from one to two.</p>
Department of Health	Marijuana Pharmacy	There are no anticipated economic benefits or losses resulting from the proposed rule.
Department of Health	Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) Requirements	There are no anticipated economic losses resulting from these proposed rule changes. These changes will benefit pharmacies by expanding the eligibility for pharmacists to obtain a Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) credential. Under these changes, pharmacists with one year of experience will be eligible to serve as PIC, rather than the current requirement of two years of experience.

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Department of Health	Credentials of Social Work Examiners	<p>The proposed amendment to §305(D) reduces the number of hours of supervised postgraduate social work practice for licensed social workers pursuing clinical licensure after January 1, 2022, from 5,760 to 3,000. This reduction may benefit LMSWs by accelerating their pathway to licensure. Small businesses and non-governmental organizations employing Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) could also benefit by being able to hire additional LCSWs to expand the clinical services they offer to clients.</p> <p>The proposed enactment of section 307(E) authorizes LMSWs pursuing clinical licensure to take the LCSW examination up to six months before completing their required postgraduate supervision.</p> <p>The proposed enactment of section 325 implements inactive status for licensed social workers not actively providing client services. Social workers in this status, for up to five consecutive years or a maximum of ten cumulative years, would have their annual continuing education requirement reduced from 20 hours to 10.</p> <p>The proposed enactment of section 327 establishes emeritus (retired) status for licensed social workers who are disabled or at least 60 years old and have been credentialed for at least 30 years. This status reduces the annual continuing education requirement from 20 hours to 10 and sets the emeritus status fee at half of the regular license renewal fee.</p> <p>The proposed enactment of section 509 authorizes telesupervision for social workers pursuing clinical licensure. Telesupervision is anticipated to provide economic benefits by reducing or eliminating costs associated with traveling to supervision meetings.</p> <p>The proposed enactment of section 1311 allows up to 10 surplus continuing education hours completed during one collection period to carry over to the next collection period. It also permits continuing education hours to be earned by attending committee meetings.</p>
Department of Health	Rural Health Clinics Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may result in an increase in state licensure application fees for BHSP who choose to provide additional behavioral health services.
Department of Health	Behavioral Health Service Providers Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will not result in costs to providers in FY 24-25, FY 25-26, or FY26-27.
Department of Health	Administration and Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus	<p>The Pharmacist-Initiated HIV PrEP and PEP rules allow pharmacists to directly dispense or administer HIV PrEP and PEP medications to appropriate state residents. This could provide economic benefits to Pharmacies/Pharmacists.</p> <p>Also, this proposed rule may result in cost savings for affected residents, as they would no longer need an additional provider visit and prescription to access HIV PrEP and PEP therapies. There are no other anticipated direct costs or economic benefits to small businesses or non-governmental groups associated with the Pharmacist-Initiated HIV PrEP and PEP rules.</p>
Department of Health	Emergency Medical Services Professionals	There are no anticipated economic benefits or losses resulting from the proposed rule.
Department of Health	Radiologic Technologists	There are no anticipated economic benefits or losses resulting from the proposed rule.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements	The proposed rule will have no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule is obsolete and is being repealed in its entirety.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Approval of Instruments to Conduct Blood Alcohol Analysis by Breath Samplings	There is no anticipated cost or benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	General Administrative Requirements	The proposed rule changes will result in no impact to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Maintenance Inspection for the Intoxilyzer 9000	There is no anticipated cost or benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Operator Qualifications	There is no anticipated cost or benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Permits	There is no anticipated cost or benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Qualification of Individuals for Instrument Maintenance and Inspection	There is no anticipated cost or benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Release and Incident Reporting	To the extent organizations choose to submit forms electronically, they may incur savings from postage. For illustrative purposes, organizations which send approximately 100 certified mail parcels annually would incur \$1,018 in savings. (\$10.18 per parcel of certified mail x 100 shipments = \$1,018).
Department of Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board	Engineering and Land Surveying	The proposed rule change will have a varied, but likely minor, impact on applicants seeking licensure (or renewal or reactivation of licensure) for professional engineering or land surveying. The proposed rule change increases fees ranging from \$20 to \$420 and decreases or eliminates certain fees ranging from \$145 to \$200, depending on the fee. The proposed rule change also codifies an alternative path to licensure for certain individuals as authorized in La. R.S. 37:51 et seq., which may result in an economic benefit to applicants who meet the qualification for licensure by endorsement.
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Hunting Regulations for the 2025-2027 Seasons	The proposed rule changes are expected to have no effect on the costs or economic benefits to affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups.