

**January 2026**  
**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, 2026 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Conservation and Energy	<b>Administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund</b>	The proposed rule change may provide an economic benefit to charter boat fishermen to the extent that they experience gear damage and submit eligible claims for compensation under the Program. There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	<b>Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel Educator Evaluations</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	<b>Bulletin 1929—Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook Definitions and Minimum Requirements</b>	The proposed rule change concerning the definition of equipment may result in a decrease in workload for local education agencies due to a potential reduction in the number of items that will require long-term tracking and inventory.
Department of Environmental Quality	<b>General Standards for Nonpermitted Facilities</b>	While the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not anticipate that the proposed rule change will increase costs to any directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups, the changes may require entities that handle or store solid waste to make minor adjustments in current practices to ensure continued compliance with regulatory changes.
Department of Environmental Quality	<b>Hazardous Waste Post Closure Fee Update</b>	There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Department of Environmental Quality	<b>Late Fee Update</b>	The proposed rule change is anticipated to economically benefit businesses working within the industries regulated by DEQ. Currently, these businesses are required to pay invoices within 15 days. The removal of any late fees charged prior to the 60th day following a due date will provide more time for businesses to process invoices without penalties.
Department of Environmental Quality	<b>Water Quality Standards Triennial Revision</b>	There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Architectural Examiners	<b>Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund</b>	The proposed changes clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the payment of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted. Otherwise, there are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Board of Architectural Examiners	<b>Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups resulting from the proposed rule changes.
Office of the Governor	<b>Real Estate Appraisers Board</b>	There are no estimated costs associated with the proposed changes.
Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators	<b>Certified Nurses Aid Register</b>	The proposed rule change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.
Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators	<b>Complaints and Hearing Procedures</b>	The proposed rule changes will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.
Board of Medical Examiners	<b>Medical Psychologists</b>	The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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Board of Medical Examiners	Physicians—Continuing Medical Education	The proposed rule will provide a modest economic benefit to physicians who serve on Medical Review Panels by allowing them to receive CME credit for this service. Physicians will be eligible to claim 3.5 hours of CME credit per panel, up to seven hours annually, thereby reducing the need to pay for equivalent CME hours through other educational providers. In most cases, physicians are personally responsible for covering the cost of CME courses, which may be obtained through professional organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), hospitals, or accredited online programs. Fees vary by provider, and the ability to substitute up to seven hours of no-cost CME credit for panel service represents a modest savings in annual professional expenses.
Board of Medical Examiners	Respiratory Therapists	The proposed rule changes are not expected to result in any significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The revisions mostly update language, remove duplication, and reorganize existing requirements for respiratory therapists without adding new fees, training mandates, or licensure steps. Current practitioners and employers will continue to meet the same standards already in place, so there should be no financial impact on individuals or the respiratory therapy profession overall.
Board of Pharmacy	Community Pharmacy	The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-government groups.
Board of Pharmacy	Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS)	The proposed Rule changes are anticipated to benefit Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) licensees by eliminating redundant state requirements and consolidating any provisions that differ from federal regulations into §2713. Additionally, the proposed Rule changes revise the current requirement for distributors to regularly submit ARCOS reports to the Board. Under the new Rule, reports will only be required upon request, reducing the reporting burden and creating cost savings that are indeterminate.
Board of Pharmacy	Institutional Pharmacy	The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-government groups.
Board of Pharmacy	Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician	The proposed Rule change may provide an economic benefit to directly affected pharmacies and pharmacy technicians by allowing pharmacy technicians to process prescription orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy, provided all conditions and safeguards in the Rule are met. Any associated costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminate.
Department of Health	Children and Adult Mental Health Services	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing children and adult mental health services to expand the provider types authorized to render therapeutic services. This proposed rule would allow Medicaid to pay for therapy services provided by psychology interns in approved American Psychiatric Association internship programs, as well as by provisionally licensed psychologists. The department proposes to promulgate this rule in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session to help improve health outcomes for people who rely on Medicaid. By allowing more types of practitioners to offer services, this proposed rule will make it easier for the public to access mental health care and may reduce wait times. It would also create more training opportunities for future psychologists in Louisiana. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no fiscal impact on providers or small businesses in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28.
Department of Health	Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities—Reimbursement Methodology	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to remove the deadline for sending out lump-sum payments to facilities that billed Medicaid between August 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024, and to remove language limiting eligible facilities to those that were active and enrolled in Medicaid on the date of payment. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may have a minimal impact on small businesses.

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Department of Health	Health Unit Fees	There are no anticipated economic losses or benefits resulting from the proposed rule change.
Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System	Internal Revenue Code Provisions; Revised Statutes Clarifications for Employers	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Hunting Regulations for the 2026-2028 Seasons	<p>The addition of eight days of turkey hunting opportunities for youth hunters may result in an increase in hunting costs for young hunters or their parents.</p> <p>The proposed establishment of two WMA may result in an increase in hunting and fishing costs associated with the increase in activities that may be expected to occur on the properties.</p> <p>The proposed establishment of an eight-day season for back-bellied whistling ducks may result in an increase in hunting costs associated with the increase in duck hunting activities.</p>