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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 April 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
Board of Ethics	Food and Drink Limit	The proposed rule change effects all public employees and public servants by setting a standard monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic)—Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators Mandatory Reporters, Bullying Prevention, and Nonpublic Pre-Kindergarten Programs	Nonpublic schools are currently required to meet the standards included in the proposed rule change, but, to the extent they are not in compliance, additional costs for teacher training may be incurred. Additional impacts to nonpublic schools may include revision of local policy and practice but this is not anticipated to constitute a fiscal impact. The proposed rule is a result of Act 686 of the 2024 RS, which repeals certain instruction and teacher training requirements from statute and requires them to be adopted as policies by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education through the rule making process.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1530—Louisiana’s IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities Alternate Assessment Eligibility Criteria	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Kindergarten Screeners	The proposed changes benefit educators by reducing the number of required tests for kindergarten students, which results in an increase in the amount of time teachers have to provide focused core and intervention instruction in response to data obtained through the literacy and numeracy screener.
Department of Environmental Quality	One-Time Exclusion of Wastes for Chevron Oronite Co. LLC—Oak Point Plant	Assuming the delisting petition is granted, Chevron Oronite Co. LLC - Oak Point Plant will remove the material and send it to a permitted nonhazardous industrial solid waste landfill for disposal. This option may produce an economic benefit to Louisiana contractors. Chevron Oronite Co. LLC - Oak Point Plant also has the option for in-place management using alternate methods approved by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The remediation of the 200,500 cubic yards will benefit Chevron Oronite Co. LLC – Oak Point Plant by allowing its industrial property to be fully utilized.
Department of Environmental Quality	Regulatory Permit for Storage Vessels	Owners and operators wanting to permit a storage tank that stores an inorganic chemical or is subject to 40 CFR 60 Subpart Kc by a regulatory permit will be directly affected by the proposed rule change. Additional application and permit fees are anticipated as a result of the proposed rule change. Facilities purchasing a permit for the first time will be subject to an initial fee of \$832 and an annual fee of \$250.
Department of Environmental Quality	Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge and Biosolids	There will be a benefit to directly affected persons, small business, and non-governmental groups with the promulgation of this rule. Any person, small business, or non-governmental groups currently permitted under the Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit LAJ650000 or the Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit for out-of-state land application will have an annual savings of \$600 and \$2,000, respectively. The LAJ650000 and out-of-state land application permits will no longer be required after the promulgation of this rule.

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Department of Environmental Quality	Storage of Volatile Organic Compounds	There are no costs or economic benefits to DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change. Since these entities are already required to calculate their emissions and maintain their records, no new costs are anticipated.
Board of Home Inspectors	General Rules	Home inspectors who are also licensed contractors may also realize a loss of revenue since they will no longer be able to perform work on items listed in a home inspection as defective or deficient for one year after the inspection.
Board of Pharmacy	Nonresident Pharmacy	There are no anticipated economic losses resulting from these proposed rule changes. These changes will benefit nonresident pharmacies by lowering the minimum experience requirement 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.
Board of Pharmacy	Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications	There are no anticipated economic losses resulting from this proposed Rule change. The proposed Rule change will benefit pharmacy technician applicants that have been credentialed by another state board of pharmacy who wish to obtain a credential in this state by removing the requirement to have practiced for at least one year as a pharmacy technician in that state.
Board of Pharmacy	Practitioner CDS License	Advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority and medical psychologists could potentially see an economic benefit if they expand their current scope of practice to include medical marijuana recommendations. However, the potential economic benefit of this rule change for these providers is indeterminable. There are no other anticipated economic costs or benefits resulting from this proposed rule change.
Department of Health	Case Management—Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that this proposed rule may have an indeterminable economic benefit to licensed case management providers associated with broadening the applicant pool.
Department of Health	Hospitals—Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that this proposed rule may have an indeterminable impact on the direct or indirect cost to hospital facilities that choose to have a newborn safety device installed, as well as a potential cost associated with updated documentation required by the updated client discharge process.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 133—Adequate Payment of Pharmacy and Pharmacist Claims	The proposed rule will benefit directly affected persons by carrying out the intent of the legislature based on Act 768 of the 2024 Regular Session and ensuring full compliance with the applicable statutory provisions. This regulation sets forth a set of minimum payment system design standards to govern pharmacy benefit manager pharmacy and pharmacist reimbursement strategies. Insurers could choose the cheaper of direct compliance with the Act or use of the safe harbor in regulation, which could slightly reduce costs, creating modest industry savings, mostly in reduced administrative costs. However, the regulation itself will be cost neutral for the industry.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 134—Insurance Regulatory Sandbox Program	The proposed rule sets forth the standards and procedures relative to a person's participation in the Insurance Regulatory Sandbox Program and shall apply to all persons that apply to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox in Louisiana. Any applicants requesting an innovation waiver shall pay a nonrefundable filing fee in the amount of two thousand dollars.
Department of Insurance	Rule 13—Special Assessment; Creation of Dedicated Fund Account	The proposed rule change will have no effect on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule continues the fraud initiatives but makes technical changes, including the effective date, removes LATIFPA funding, and states that the purpose of the assessment is to support the investigation, public education, public awareness, and prosecution of insurance fraud. Also, the proposed rule requires funds to be allocated to the Insurance Fraud Investigation Unit within the LA State Police, the Insurance Fraud Support Unit within the Department of Justice, and the Insurance Fraud Section of the Department of Insurance.

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Department of Revenue	Installment Agreement for Payment of Tax	Affected taxpayers are anticipated to benefit by receiving additional time to pay the installment fee or reinstatement fee. Taxpayers who face liquidity constraints may now qualify to spread the fees over monthly payments during the course of installment agreements.
Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System	Open Meetings via Electronic Means	Electronic meetings could potentially reduce expenses to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups by negating the need for travel to a board meeting.