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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 June 20, 2025 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<b>Promulgating Agency</b>	<b>Proposed Rule Title</b>	<b>Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups</b>
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies—Gulf of America</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Racing Commission</b>	<b>Voided and Voidable Claims</b>	The successful claimant will face increased financial risk due to the reduced number of conditions under which a claim can be voided. If a claimant acquires a horse that is injured, ill, or tests positive for drugs and has no option to void the claim, they may be responsible for any resulting veterinary costs and medical treatment.
<b>Department of Health Board of Examiners of Psychologists</b>	<b>Licensed Psychological Associate</b>	It is anticipated and intended that the proposed rule will positively benefit individuals qualifying for LPA licensure. It creates expedited licensure pathways for those licensed in other U.S. jurisdictions, individuals moving back to Louisiana under the Welcome Home Act, and active-duty military members and their dependents. Qualified individuals who become licensed psychological associates will expand their employment and independent practice opportunities. The proposed rule will have the potential to address mental health care needs in Louisiana by increasing the number of professionals qualified to provide psychological services to the citizens of Louisiana through private practice and other organizations or governmental systems.
<b>Department of Health Board of Nursing</b>	<b>Faculty and Faculty Organization of Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs</b>	There are no anticipated economic losses to nursing schools or undergraduate nurse faculty resulting from the proposed rule change. The proposed rule simply provides a guideline for schools to follow when ensuring that undergraduate faculty meets the requisite academic qualifications. The proposed rule change will provide a guideline for the percentage of full time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate nurse faculty excepted from the required academic qualifications.
<b>Department of Health Board of Nursing</b>	<b>Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion and Removal</b>	There are no anticipated economic losses to healthcare providers or healthcare institutions resulting from the proposed rule change. The repeal of LAC 46: XLVII.3707 allows healthcare providers and institutions to determine the appropriate verification procedure for the insertion and removal of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters, as relates to the practice of nursing.
<b>Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing and Office of Aging and Adult Services</b>	<b>Home and Community-Based Services Waivers—Adult Day Health Care Providers—Cost Reporting</b>	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing adult day health care providers in order to clarify cost report penalties and remove unnecessary language. This will have no impact on beneficiaries, but will help providers by making the penalties for failure to submit a cost report easier to understand. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to providers in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28.
<b>Department of Health Emergency Response Network</b>	<b>Louisiana Stroke Center Recognition</b>	There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups.
<b>Department of Health Health Standards Section</b>	<b>Direct Service Worker Registry</b>	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers, nor is it anticipated to result in any economic benefits.
<b>Department of Health Health Standards Section</b>	<b>Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program—Licensing Standards</b>	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers.

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Department of Health Health Standards Section	Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program—Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule may have an indeterminable impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers that choose to provide virtual classroom learning. Potential costs are dependent upon whether additional instructors are necessary for virtual classroom learning, cost of equipment and software, decreased use of classroom space, etc.
Department of Health Health Standards Section	Nurse Staffing Agencies—Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may result in an indeterminable cost savings to providers, as criminal background checks will no longer be required for initial licensure or change of ownership of an NSA for all applicants, owners with five percent or more ownership interest, or administrators/directors for any state of residence in within the past five years.
Department of Health Office of Public Health	Blood Lead Reference Value and Reporting	There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Health Office of Public Health	Reportable Diseases and Conditions	There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner	Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License	The proposed rule will benefit administrative and agency proceedings by amending the rule to provide electronic delivery.
Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner	Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission	There is no anticipated impact to costs/economic benefits associated with the implementation of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session allowing the commissioner to create advisory boards or commissions. The proposed rule will implement the authority of the commissioner to create boards or commissions to study and provide guidance and recommendations regarding the availability and affordability of insurance products for the residents of Louisiana.
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission	Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas	The proposed rule change may negatively impact the revenues of businesses that sell bait and feed supplements to hunters who hunt for deer within the areas that the proposed rule change will add to the CWD Enhanced Mitigation Zone. The reduction in the sales of deer bait resulting from the proposed rule change may range between \$235,620 and \$471,240.
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission	Fish and Wildlife Values	The proposed rule change will negatively affect persons who are cited for violating wildlife and fisheries laws, rules, and regulations. The proposed rule change may benefit other stakeholders to the extent that the increased penalties deter transgressions of regulations that may damage the natural resources.
Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration	Benefits for Domestic Violence Victims	The implementation of the proposed rule change will not result in any estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups, as the underlying program was eliminated by statute in 2012 and is no longer in operation.
Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration	Computation of Time	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule changes.
Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration	Overpayment Recovery	The rule change is expected to benefit individuals with unemployment insurance overpayments by providing a more efficient and timely means of communication. Allowing repayment agreements to be delivered electronically will enable affected individuals to receive documents more quickly and securely, minimizing delays and enhancing overall communication. For individuals who prefer electronic communication, this change enhances convenience and may eliminate the need to manage physical mail. The rule change aligns with LWC's plain language initiative and supports the modernization of its communication practices. Small businesses and other non-governmental entities are unlikely to be directly affected, as the rule change applies specifically to individuals with unemployment insurance overpayments.
Workforce Commission Rehabilitation Services	Disability Accommodations for Public Meetings	The proposed rule will directly impact individuals with ADA recognized disabilities or their designated caregivers by allowing full participation in public meetings held by the Louisiana Workforce Commission/Rehabilitation Services.