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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 November 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 Culture, Recreation, and Tourism	Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Development Zone	There are no anticipated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups because of the proposed rule change.
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism	Guidelines for Act 455—Matching Funds Program; Placement of Litter Receptacles; Welcome Centers	There are no anticipated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel—Certification Endorsement	The proposed rule change may lead to an increase in duly certified and qualified professionals available to serve students with exceptionalities. The proposed rule change broadens the definition of professional experience needed to earn the educational diagnostician endorsement by removing the requirement that experience be in a “properly certified area” of special education.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Comprehensive Assessments	The proposed rule change may result in a loss of revenues for businesses contracted to develop, print, and score statewide ELA and Mathematics assessments. The change may also reduce proctoring-related revenue for affected staff members.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Implementation of Education Acts of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session	There is no anticipated costs to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Office of the Governor	Retirement	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Health	Continuing Education	The proposed rule changes benefit licensed optometrists by providing greater flexibility in how continuing education requirements may be satisfied. Allowing up to six hours of coursework from approved online sources may reduce travel and registration costs for licensees. In addition, the updated list of acceptable educational providers broadens the range of qualifying programs, making compliance more accessible and convenient.
Department of Health	Employment of Practical Nursing Students and Unsuccessful Candidates on the NCLEX-PN	The proposed rule changes benefit practical nursing students and practical nursing graduates who are within 12 months of their practical nursing program completion date and have been unsuccessful on the NCLEX-PN examination as these individuals would be able to perform procedures and/or tasks that they are certified as competent. These individuals may experience more job opportunities as well as an increase in wages.
Department of Health	Dental Benefits Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan—Enrollment Broker	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the dental benefits prepaid ambulatory health plan to simplify enrollment rules, allowing beneficiaries to transfer to another dental benefit program manager (DBPM) up to two times per calendar year. Following the second transfer, beneficiaries will be required to remain with their selected DBPM for the remainder of the calendar year. This will provide beneficiaries with more freedom of choice regarding their plan. In addition, the proposed rule seeks to ease transfer restrictions and eliminate the open enrollment period, thereby enhancing beneficiary flexibility and expanding their options for dental coverage. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no impact on providers or businesses in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28. The rule may result in some shifts in enrollment between DBPMs, but each DBPM will continue to receive the appropriate per-member per-month payments based on actual enrollment. Therefore, the rule is not expected to result in a net fiscal impact to DBPMs.

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Department of Health	Managed Care for Physical and Behavioral Health—Enrollment Broker	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing enrollment in managed care organizations (MCOs) to update language, remove the open enrollment period, and ease transfer restrictions by allowing beneficiaries to change what MCO they are enrolled in twice a year. This will provide beneficiaries with more freedom of choice regarding their MCO plan. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to providers in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, FY 27-28. The rule may result in some shifts in enrollment between MCOs, but each MCO will continue to receive the appropriate per-member per-month payments based on actual enrollment. Therefore, the rule is not anticipated to result in a net fiscal impact to MCOs.
Department of Health	Board Meetings, Procedures, Records, Powers and Duties	The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The current rule repeats the Licensing Act language in R.S. 37:1101-1123. The repetitive language being removed is a replication of the statute.
Department of Health	General Provisions	The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The technical changes are to simplify the rules. The strikeout content is repetitive of the Practice Act statutes. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.
Department of Health	Day Care Centers and Residential Facilities	The proposed rule changes are expected to result in economic benefits for many directly affected persons and small businesses by exempting certain facilities, such as Louisiana Montessori accredited schools, camps, registered family child day care homes, and unpaid care providers, allowing them to avoid potentially regulatory costs. Additionally, nonpublic school prekindergarten programs will benefit from a temporary exemption until January 1, 2027, giving them time to prepare for future compliance.
Department of Health	Marine and Fresh Water Animal Food Products	The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. Most seafood processors and distributors already comply with sanitary standards that prohibit the reuse or sale of empty crustacean and molluscan shells for food service. For those few businesses that may currently engage in limited distribution of shells, there could be a minor cost associated with adding warning labels to packaging to indicate that the shells may not be used as serving containers, if they are not already including such labeling. These costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminable.
Department of Health	Retail Food Establishments	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. It simply clarifies existing sanitary code language prohibiting the use of crustacean or molluscan shells as serving containers, which reflects current food safety standards already followed by most seafood processors and food service establishments. Therefore, no additional requirements, fees, or operational changes are expected.
Louisiana Economic Development	Louisiana Biomedical Research and Development Park Program	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Louisiana Economic Development	Louisiana University Research and Development Parks Program	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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Louisiana Economic Development	Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund	Local or regional economic development groups, non-profits, redevelopment authorities, and private landowners are eligible applicants for the funding program. Applicants are subject to an initial non-refundable \$250 application fee and a supplemental fee of .5% of the total amount of incentives or award amount (capped at \$15,000), should the applicant receive funding from the program. Any additional costs for completion and submission of the required paperwork for this proposed rule are expected to be minimal. To the extent an appropriation is granted from the Legislature, awards from the fund will directly benefit the owners of the properties by increasing the value and marketability of the properties through site improvement and/or infrastructure improvement. Additionally, small businesses, particularly those involved with providing site development and infrastructure improvement services, should benefit from increased demand for their goods and services.
Louisiana Works	Drug Testing Programs in Job Related Accident Cases	The proposed rule change may affect drug testing laboratories and individuals who undergo post-accident drug testing in workers' compensation cases. The revisions primarily align the rules with testing procedures and laboratory qualification standards already in use by the OWCA and its contracted laboratories. Because these practices are currently being followed, no significant changes in workload, documentation, or administrative practices are expected, and any operational impact to laboratories or individuals is anticipated to be minimal.
Louisiana Works	General Administration	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or economic benefits to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Louisiana Works	Hearing Rules	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or economic benefits to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Application Process and Fees for Private Driving Schools and Instructors	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Revenue	Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption on Boats	Purchasers of boats registered in Louisiana whose total state and local sales and use tax liability exceeds \$20,000 will be directly impacted by the proposed rule. The proposed rule is anticipated to provide cost savings to certain taxpayers by exempting taxes on amounts over \$20,000.
Department of Revenue	Petition for Rulemaking	Taxpayers are anticipated to benefit from this proposed rule by the additional guidance provided when requesting LDR or OCG to adopt new rules, amend existing rules, or repeal existing rules. There are no anticipated costs to taxpayers.