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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 December 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>Office of the Governor</b>	<b>Designer Contracts</b>	The proposed rule change may result in savings to designers who dispute contracts with OFPC by removing the requirement to submit all contractual disputes to nonbinding mediation and then arbitration before pursuing litigation. However, OFPC indicates that although the current rule allows designers to force OFPC into non-binding mediation, no designer has recently attempted to enforce this provision against OFPC. This proposed rule change would avoid potential expenses by removing the ability for designers to use non-binding mediation in the future. Therefore, any realized savings would be minimal if actually realized.
<b>Office of the Governor</b>	<b>Ad Valorem Taxation</b>	The effects of these new rules on assessments of individual items of equivalent real and personal property will generally be lower in the aggregate in 2026 compared to the last year of actual data. Specific assessments of real and personal property will depend on the age and condition of the property subject to assessment. Taxpayers will be impacted based on the changes to the valuation guidelines for assessments as listed in Section II. The magnitude will depend on the taxable property for which they are liable. Regardless of the guidelines adopted by the Tax Commission, all taxpayers continue to have the right to appeal their assessments. Additionally, Small Businesses' real and personal property is assessed in the same manner as for all other property owners.
<b>Department of Public Safety and Corrections</b>	<b>Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Road Usage Fee</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Department of Transportation and Development</b>	<b>State Safety Oversight for Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems</b>	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact individuals, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Department of Environmental Quality</b>	<b>Expedited Permit Processing for a Federal Permitting Parity Program</b>	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any costs for directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups. The Permitting Parity Program is designed to benefit private utility companies, which would allow them to save time in their permitting process to construct small nuclear reactors.
<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>PLMFT Educational Licensure Requirements</b>	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The rule does not change the current academic requirements that are set forth by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This rule simply removes language to not create confusion. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry	Obligation of the Licensee/Permittee and Enforcement	<p>The proposed rule change will affect approximately 300 structural pest control businesses that submit monthly reports and corresponding fees to the department for termite control work. The proposed increase from \$12 to \$14 is the required monthly reporting fee paid by pest control companies for each WDIE contract issued and for WDIR reports issued before a home sale. This means pest-control firms would incur an additional \$2 per contract or per WDIR report each month. For an approximate base of 300 structural pest control businesses, if each company handles on average N contracts per month, the aggregated monthly burden would be <math>300 \times \\$2 \times N = \\$600 \times N</math>, and the annual burden would be <math>\\$7,200 \times N</math>. Even with modest contract volumes, the cumulative annual impact on the sector could be meaningful, though per-transaction costs remain small and could be passed on to customers as part of service or closing costs. Potential benefits include better funding for enforcement, training, and consumer protections, improving reporting accuracy, and the timeliness of WDIR/WDIE processes.</p> <p>The proposed rule change provides the department with the option for enforcement by the Structural Pest Control Commission. LDAF reports there is no anticipated impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups related to enforcement; however, those who disobey laws related to the Structural Pest Control Commission may be issued stop orders and notices for non-compliance.</p>
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	Certification of Specific Crops/Varieties	<p>The proposed rule change is anticipated to require seed sellers at the first point of sale within Louisiana to be subject to an additional five cents of the regulatory fee per 100 pounds of seed sold. There are currently 1,150 licensed seed dealers that will be subject to the fee increase. LDAF estimates the proposed rule change to generate \$82,351 annually, an average of \$72 per seed dealer. LDAF is unable to determine the exact impact on each individual dealer as seed sales vary widely across dealers.</p>
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Menhaden Season	<p>The proposed rule change is anticipated to increase the receipts or income for commercial fishermen and seafood processors involved in the harvest and processing of menhaden. The proposed rule change has the potential to increase menhaden harvests by as much as 4% with a corresponding increase of up to \$4.6 million in dockside value. This estimate assumes that menhaden harvesters from other states will now choose Louisiana over other Gulf states. To the extent the proposed rule change does not lead to an increase in the number of fishermen or menhaden landings within the state, the estimate provided here will decrease accordingly.</p> <p>The proposed rule change may harm anglers in waters between one-quarter mile and one-half mile from the inside-outside line, who may object to perceived user conflicts with commercial menhaden-harvesting vessels operating within that area. It may have a positive effect on anglers who fish in Chandeleur Sound and Breton Sound by reducing the presence of commercial menhaden vessels in those areas.</p>
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Hunter Education Program Certification Policy	<p>The proposed rule change may benefit young hunters by aligning the age requirements for youth shooting sports programs that require Hunter Education certification. The proposed elimination of specific training for hunter education instructors will benefit potential participants by eliminating the need for 12 hours of instruction, the successful completion of a written examination, and the demonstration of a live-fire demonstration.</p>
Department of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Nursery Stock Quarantines and Horticulture	<p>The proposed rule change will increase costs by \$36 for exam applicants, \$25 for all professional licensees and nursery stock dealer permit holders, \$30 for cut flower dealer permit holders, and \$25 for nursery grower class II certificate holders.</p>

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Department of Health	Hospitals Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may impact the staffing level requirements and/or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, and may result in an increase in direct costs. The total fiscal impact of this proposed Rule is indeterminable since there is no way to estimate how many hospitals may be required to employ additional staff.
Department of Revenue	Exemptions for Digital Tools	Businesses, financial institutions, and healthcare facilities, along with their providers, will be directly affected by the proposed rule. The proposed rule implements a state and local sales tax exemption for certain purchases of digital tools, which is anticipated to reduce state and local sales tax liabilities. This rule aims to eliminate confusion and enhance the public's understanding of the available exemptions. By providing clear criteria, the rule will help ensure that stakeholders are well-informed about the conditions that determine eligibility for these exemptions. While the estimated economic benefits are difficult to quantify, the intention is to minimize the risk of inadvertent violations that could result in penalties or legal issues.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 138—Premium Discount for Dashboard Cameras with Telematic Systems: Commercial Motor Vehicles	The proposed rule may benefit directly affected persons by enhancing public safety, reduce insurance fraud, and lower costs of claims by incentivizing the use of dashboard cameras paired with telematics systems in commercial motor vehicles. Admitted insurers authorized to issue commercial motor vehicle insurance in Louisiana shall provide a discount for commercial vehicles equipped with dashboard cameras paired with telematics system. The discount will be in an amount actuarially justified based on loss experience, claims data and other relevant factors.
Department of Revenue	Donations to Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization Credit	The proposed rule change will impact foster care organizations that wish to be certified as Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations (QFCCO) in order to receive donations that are eligible for a nonrefundable income tax credit. The new rule eliminates the requirement for these organizations to submit Form R-68010, Application for Certification as a Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization, to LDR. Instead, organizations will qualify under a designation from the Department of Children and Family Services as a child placing agency to provide adoption and foster care services. Additionally, it changes the submission of the required independent accountant's report from physical mailing to electronic format. This is anticipated to improve efficiency and accessibility for foster care organizations by reducing the number of required forms and documentation by addressing duplicate or contradictory provisions in the regulations. No material costs are expected as online access and communication have largely become a business standard, and only minimal economic benefits are anticipated.
Department of Revenue	Repeal of Obsolete Tax Exemptions, Deductions, Credits and Miscellaneous Provisions	No material impacts on costs or economic benefits are anticipated for the affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups due to this proposed rule change.
Department of Revenue	Mobile Workforce Exemption	The proposed rule is anticipated to benefit individuals who temporarily work in Louisiana without establishing permanent residency. The proposed rule increases the threshold for the mobile workforce exemption from 25 days to 30 days commiserate with Act 382, eliminating the Louisiana income tax burden on individuals who work between 25-30 days per year in the state. In addition, the proposed rule broadens the eligibility criteria, which is anticipated to expand the number of mobile workers eligible for the income tax exemption. Overall, these changes are anticipated to reduce the Louisiana income tax liability of mobile workers. The anticipated impact on the receipts of affected individuals is expected to be an increase in disposable income, though the exact amount remains indeterminable.
Louisiana Works	Finance and Audit	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or economic benefits to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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Department of Health	Athletic Trainers	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. The revisions clarify existing practice standards for athletic trainers and establish an optional advanced credential for residency-trained athletic trainers (RTATs). Athletic trainers who elect to pursue the RTAT designation may incur minimal, voluntary expenses associated with completing a board-approved residency program or additional certification.
Louisiana Works	Second Injury Board	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	Conveyance Device Systems and Equipment Licensing	The owner of any building with a life safety system and equipment, or the owner's designated representative, will incur a \$150 annual inspection fee to ensure the system complies with applicable safety standards and determine whether any structural changes to the building or its contents require modifications to the system. To the extent that a person, entity, licensed firm, licensee, or applicant for licensure violates current statute or administrative rules, they may incur fines ranging from \$10 to \$5,000 based on the classification of the offense.