

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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		Date Rule Takes Effect:	ON FINAL PROMULGATION

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed changes will result in a one-time publication expense estimated at \$1,000 in FY 25 for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to cover the costs of publishing the notice of intent and proposed rule revision. Additionally, the addition of the *Retired Physician License* section and amendments to the *Reduced Renewal Fees for Certain Physicians* section are expected to incur additional expenses due to the required modifications to the online LSBME application system.

These changes are also anticipated to increase workload, paperwork, and processing time for the Department of Licensure. However, since the number of physicians who will apply for or renew licenses under these provisions is unknown, it is not currently possible to estimate the associated costs and workload impact.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)


There will be a decrease in revenue collections for the LSBME based on the number of physicians who choose not to renew their unrestricted active licenses. However, the exact reduction in revenue cannot be anticipated, as the number of physicians opting not to renew is unknown.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed amendments will benefit the public by enabling physicians who might have otherwise fully retired to maintain an active license at a reduced fee. This allows experienced professionals to continue offering voluntary medical services, thereby increasing access to care, particularly in underserved communities. By providing a structured pathway for retired physicians to remain engaged in practice, the amendments help retain valuable medical expertise within the healthcare system.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

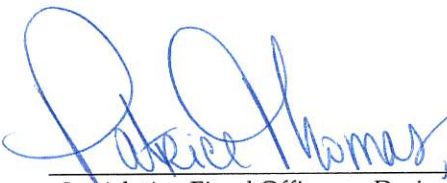
It is not anticipated that the proposed changes will have any impact on competition or employment.

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The board proposes to amend its licensure and certification rules to introduce a Retired Physician License and establish criteria for eligibility. Additionally, the rules will be updated to include a reduced-fee for qualified licenses and for licenses for retired physicians. Changes will also be made to continuing medical education (CME) requirements, requiring 10 hours of CME for physicians holding a Retired Physician License. Further amendments clarify exceptions to CME requirements, including adjustments for physicians on active military service outside Louisiana, a requirement for full CME compliance after the initial exemption year for those initially licensed through examination, and a terminology update replacing "retired physician" with "reduced-fee license" for consistency.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The circumstances requiring the proposed amendments are the Board's duty to provide rules governing the licensing of physicians to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. LAC 46:XLV.301.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule changes will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds. Rulemaking costs are included in the Board's operating budget.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) X _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners operates on self-generated revenue, and they have determined the proposed rule changes are in the public's best interest.

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WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

- V. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

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2. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,000	\$0	\$0

3. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners has sufficient self-generated funds available to implement the proposed rule changes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule changes will not result in costs or savings to local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule changes will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

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- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule changes will not impact a licensee's receipts or revenue.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

It is not anticipated that the proposed changes will have any impact on competition or employment.