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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 October 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 Transportation and Development	Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC)	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any effect on revenue collections. The proposed rule change updates the language for the calculation of fees based on the current standard practices of the LTRC.
Department of Transportation and Development	Speed Restrictions for Railroad Traffic	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact individuals, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Transportation and Development	Utility Operator Fees	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact individuals, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Transportation and Development	Permits for Rural Water Districts	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact individuals, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. It repeals provisions that are unnecessary and/or obsolete.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Criminal History Background Checks on Licensed Ambulance Personnel and Nonlicensed Persons	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits	To the extent non-residents purchase a concealed handgun permit, a cost of \$250 for each five-year license and \$1,000 for each lifetime license will be incurred.
Board of Veterinary Medicine	Various Rules Related to Licensing and Continuing Education for DVMs, RVTs, and CAETs	The proposed rule change will give clearer instructions for the annual renewal process and continuing education requirements to all licensees and certificate holders.
Board of Architectural Examiners	Architects Selection Board	The proposed rule changes simplify and modernize the procedures for the election of the members of the Architects Selection Board by allowing the nomination process, distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of votes, and notifications to be done electronically. Although the nomination process for candidates will become somewhat simpler, the board does not anticipate any increase or decrease in costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups that can be measured or calculated.
Board of Architectural Examiners	Organization	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Environmental Quality	Exclusion of Wastes for The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine Plant	Assuming the delisting petition is granted, the Dow Chemical Company benefits from the delisting of the solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent and Solvents East Ditch sediment. The delisting will not relieve the company from any liability for these wastes under federal or state law. This option may produce an economic benefit for the facility. The delisting of the solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent and Solvents East Ditch sediment will enable the facility to avoid managing the effluent and sediment in accordance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) disposal standards. If the delisting is approved, the facility does not have to remove, haul, or transport the effluent and sediment to a hazardous waste facility, reducing the impact of traffic and stress on the roadways.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Auto Title Companies	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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<p align="center">Department of Agriculture and Forestry</p>	<p align="center">Gypsum</p>	<p>The proposed rule change will allow the use of gypsum, given at no cost to agricultural producers, as well as provide suppliers an avenue to dispose of the gypsum rather than it being stored on site at such facility. There may be an economic benefit to suppliers who are able to dispose of gypsum instead of needing a facility to store it, and to agricultural producers who will use the gypsum to fertilize their soil. The magnitude of this benefit is indeterminable at this time.</p>
<p align="center">Department of Wildlife and Fisheries</p>	<p align="center">Abandoned and Salvaged Recreational Vessel Registration and Titling</p>	<p>The proposed rule change is expected to benefit anglers, boaters, commercial fishers, and others who use Louisiana waterways by providing a means to remove abandoned vessels that may present a disruption to safe navigation. The proposed rule change is expected to benefit private owners of lands and waters on which boats are abandoned by providing them a legal avenue for their removal. The proposed rule changes may provide opportunities to earn revenue from the sale or disposal of vessels, gear, and parts. Private property owners who choose to remove abandoned vessels under the proposed rule change may experience costs related to their relocation. The proposed rule change may provide additional revenue opportunities for marinas, boat yards, and businesses that rent or lease slips or docks to boat owners by freeing up space for other potential customers. Many of the marina owners, landowners, or other businesses that may benefit from the proposed rule change meet the qualifications of small businesses.</p>
<p align="center">Office of the Governor</p>	<p align="center">Procurement Protest Bonds</p>	<p>To the extent a person, small business, or non-governmental group files a protest and requests a stay of execution of a contract award, increased costs to these entities are expected. This cost is indeterminable but may equal to up to 25% of the protested awarded contract value. The bond or surety can be recouped by the paying entity in certain circumstances, as provided for in R.S. 39:1671(F) and the proposed rule.</p>
<p align="center">Board of Pharmacy</p>	<p align="center">Prescription Drug Delivery</p>	<p>The proposed rule changes will benefit patients by ensuring safeguards are in place to maintain the integrity of prescription drugs delivered to patients. Pharmacies that are not currently following these safeguards, such as tamper-evident packaging, temperature control, and replacement of compromised products, may incur additional costs to comply with the new requirements. The magnitude of these costs cannot be determined, as they will vary depending on the extent to which a pharmacy's existing delivery practices already meet the new standards. State-owned and parish-owned pharmacies deliver prescriptions using pharmacy employees rather than common or contract carriers. Because the staff of these pharmacies maintain possession and control of the medication throughout the delivery process, the proposed rule is not expected to impose additional costs on state-owned and parish-owned pharmacies.</p>
<p align="center">Board of Pharmacy</p>	<p align="center">Centralized Prescription Dispensing</p>	<p>The proposed rule changes benefit consumers by strengthening safeguards to ensure the integrity of prescription drugs and clarifies labeling requirements for pharmacies. Labels must include information from both the on-site pharmacy and the remote dispenser, a practice already followed by large chain pharmacies under federal requirements. To the extent a pharmacy is not currently ensuring delivery integrity, costs may increase for tamper-evident packaging, temperature controls, or delivery safeguards; however, such costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminable. Because pharmacies are already required to meet state standards for labeling, audit trails, and medication integrity, the rule is not anticipated to increase the overall cost of prescription drugs.</p>
<p align="center">Board of Pharmacy</p>	<p align="center">Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Record Retention</p>	<p>The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any additional costs or measurable economic benefits for directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The Prescription Monitoring Program system already captures and stores audit trail information in a manner that meets the new retention requirements; therefore, no additional software, storage, or vendor services will be required.</p>

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Department of Revenue	Work-Based Learning Tax Credit-Eligible Apprentice	The proposed rule will reduce the income tax liability of qualifying taxpayers in the form of a nonrefundable tax credit. The amount of the credit for each eligible apprentice, intern, or youth worker employed for a minimum of one hundred hours during the taxable period shall equal \$2.50 per hour of employment or \$2,500, whichever is less per taxable period. To claim the tax credit, taxpayers may be required to attach a copy of supporting documentation to support eligibility for the credit. Any additional costs for completion and submission of the required paperwork for this proposed rule are expected to be minimal.
Department of Health	Free-Standing Birth Centers Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may have an indeterminable impact on revenue and/or direct costs for FSBCs in FY 26, FY 27, and FY 28. Those FSBCs that choose to offer expanded services added by this proposed Rule, may realize an increase in revenues. By providing expanded services, the staffing level requirements and/or qualifications required to provide the same level of service may be impacted. Free-standing birth centers may be required to employ additional staff resulting in an increase in the total direct costs to the provider. The total fiscal impact of this proposed Rule is indeterminable since there is no way to estimate how many FSBC providers will choose to offer the expanded services.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 136—Fortify Homes Premium Discounts	The proposed rule will benefit directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-government groups by establishing mandatory premium discounts or insurance rate reductions for homes or commercial properties certified as fortified pursuant to the IBHS standards. Insurers who did not previously provide premium discounts or rate reductions that met the proposed standards may realize a loss of revenues. Presumably, fortifications will also result in lower claims losses for corresponding properties.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Gaming Control Board	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Revenue	Sales Tax on Vending Machine Sales	Owners of coin-operated vending machines in Louisiana will be directly impacted by the proposed amendment; however, the expected effect will be minimal. Vending machine operators are required to display a notice on each machine indicating that the advertised price includes all applicable state and local sales taxes. The proposed rule is estimated to increase receipts on purchases made from vending machines by \$1.3 M annually, as state sales tax will be paid on transactions at the vending machine, rather than when vending machine operators purchase tangible personal property at wholesale.
Department of Health	Medicaid Eligibility Federally-Facilitated Marketplace Determinations	This repeal is necessary to eliminate provisions in the Louisiana Administrative Code that conflict with the requirements of Act 427 and to ensure regulatory consistency with state law. This proposed rule repeals provisions governing the use of the federally-facilitated marketplace to make eligibility determinations. It is anticipated that all individuals eligible through the federally-facilitated marketplace will continue to be eligible after this rule is repealed. This proposed rule is expected to have no fiscal impact to small businesses or providers in FY 26, FY 27, or FY 28.

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Department of Health	Professional Services Program Doula Services	The proposed rule adds Medicaid coverage and reimbursement criteria for nonclinical maternal health services provided by registered doulas before, during, and after childbirth, in accordance with Act 228 of the 2025 Regular Session. This will benefit pregnant and postpartum individuals in the Medicaid program by improving access to culturally responsive care, enhancing maternal health outcomes, and reducing disparities in birth experiences throughout Louisiana. It creates new opportunities for small businesses and independent providers by allowing them to participate in Medicaid as officially covered service providers. These services are already provided as in-lieu-of services by managed care organizations and have been accounted for in the per-member per-month capitation calculations. Costs associated with these services being transitioned to covered services are expected to be offset by the avoidance of other services. This proposed rule is expected to result in increased payments to providers of approximately \$1.2 M in FY 25-26 (six months), \$2.5 M in FY 26-27, and \$2.5 M in FY 27-28.
Department of Revenue	Mandatory Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements	The proposed rule seeks to simplify the electronic filing and payment requirements by consolidating various rules related to these processes for specific taxes managed and collected by LDR. This consolidation will make it easier for taxpayers to determine which returns, reports, and payments need to be filed electronically. The proposed rule also extends the electronic filing and payment requirements to include all sales tax returns, all withholding tax returns and statements, and the annual information return required to be filed by certain service recipients, and to require electronic payment of all automobile rental taxes. This proposed rule requires taxpayers to file their returns and reports electronically for all returns filed for the specified tax types, unless specifically excepted, and remit the tax and payment by electronic funds transfer on or after January 1, 2026. Electronic filing of the tax returns will be available directly through LDR's LaTAP portal, which will allow taxpayers to file for free. LDR does not have the information necessary to determine the additional costs to comply with the proposed rules, but these costs are expected to be minimal as online access and activity have largely become a business standard. To the extent non-compliance penalties are collected, affected taxpayers will incur penalty costs. LDR cannot estimate the additional penalty amount as it is dependent upon taxpayer violations and liabilities.
Department of Health	Sickle Cell Disease Registry	Healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and sickle cell associations will experience some workload adjustments as they comply with reporting requirements for the Louisiana Sickle Cell Disease Registry. These adjustments may include the submission of electronic data transfers and responses to Department requests for treatment and outcome data. However, any additional workload is expected to be absorbed within existing operations and should result in minimal to no economic impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
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.
Office of the Governor	Offtrack Wagering in Sports Book Lounge	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.