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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 September 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 Agriculture and Forestry	Imported Seafood Safety	Directly affected persons and small businesses, processors, and distributors who import seafood may incur additional costs and workloads to produce the reports required by the proposed rule change. LDAF staff expect that the information needed for the reports is likely already available for the processors or distributors impacted.
Louisiana Economic Development	Minority Business Enterprise	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Louisiana Economic Development	Office of Women’s Business Enterprise	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Accountability System	The proposed rule change may result in a loss of revenues for businesses contracted to develop, print, and score, statewide social studies assessments.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1508—Pupil Appraisal Handbook—Screenings and Evaluations of Students for Special Education and Related Services	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change. The amendments provide clarity and implement standard procedures for screening and evaluation of students with known or suspected exceptionalities.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Child Safety and Welfare	Some early childhood programs in nonpublic schools may require updates to facilities in order to comply with mandated licensure. Additional classroom space and/or staff may also be needed to fulfill minimum standards and licensure requirements. The extent to which this will be required is indeterminable. There is also a cost of approximately \$100 associated with each Child Care Criminal Background Check determinations for employees and/or employers. The cost may vary depending on the fingerprinting location utilized. The rule also requires separate restrooms for students enrolled in prekindergarten programs or early learning centers constructed after 1/01/26, possibly resulting in additional expenditures for construction; however, this amount is indeterminable.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Educator Preparation, Evaluation, and Credentials	Current and new teachers will benefit from targeted knowledge needed to teach special skills and diverse populations of students. This professional development will increase the quality of educators in the field and better serve student needs.

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Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Implementation of Education Acts of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session	Some early childhood programs in nonpublic schools may require updates to facilities in order to comply with mandated licensure, as required by this rule change, in compliance with Act 409. Additional classroom space and/or staff may also be needed to fulfill minimum standards and licensure requirements. This impact is indeterminable. There is also a cost of approximately \$100 associated with each Child Care Criminal Background Check determinations for employees and/or employers. The cost may vary depending on the fingerprinting location utilized. The rule change complies with enacted legislation, requiring separate restrooms for students enrolled in prekindergarten programs or early learning centers constructed after 1/01/26, possibly resulting in additional expenditures for construction; however, this amount is indeterminable. Providers of school food items may realize an impacts as a result of changes in food purchasing made by public and non-public schools in order to comply with the proposed rule change concerning prohibited food items. Any impacts to costs or benefits of these businesses as a result of this change are not anticipated within the three-year period covered in this FEIS.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Implementation of Education Acts of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session	Act 403 and its accompanying rule change will allow families to receive additional tuition funding sources for use in the LA GATOR Scholarship Program.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Safe Learning Environments	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Regents	Scholarship/Grant Programs 2025 Legislation: Geaux Teach Program	Students that qualify for a Geaux Teach Program scholarship beginning in the 2025-26 academic year will benefit from the proposed rule change. These recipients will now be able to receive the full benefit of the award value up to \$5,000 annually before the application of other scholarships and financial aid. There is no anticipated effect on small businesses and non-governmental groups.
Board of Regents	Scholarship/Grant Programs 2025 Legislation: M.J. Foster Promise Program	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups resulting from the proposed rule change.
Board of Regents	Scholarship/Grant Programs 2025 Legislation: TOPS	Students who qualify for the TOPS Excellence award will benefit from the increased value of the award compared to the TOPS Honors award which they would have previously earned. Home schooled students seeking TOPS eligibility through the alternative requirements could benefit should they now qualify for an award or a higher tier award based on the change lowering their required standardized test score.
Department of Energy and Natural Resources	Damage Prevention	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule changes. Pipeline operators and excavators are already required to comply with the Damage Prevention requirements of these regulations under R.S. 40:1749.11 – 40:1749.27. Increased compliance may result in long term benefits to owners/operators in the form of reduced damages.
Department of Energy and Natural Resources	Open Meetings via Electronic Means	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule. Directly affected persons may realize economic benefits from accessing or attending public meetings remotely rather than in person.
Department of Environmental Quality	Expedited Penalty Maximums	The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impose any additional costs to directly affected persons and nongovernmental groups. The revisions to the existing XP rule are being proposed to allow more enforcement cases to be resolved more quickly by allowing greater access to the program. The regulated sector will be able to take the necessary corrective steps and pay the monetary penalty more efficiently. Therefore, the business will be able to achieve compliance earlier.
Department of Environmental Quality	Hazardous Waste Generator Improvement Rule Clean-Up Package	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have costs or economic benefits on persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule change only corrects errors in the current regulations or provides clarification to existing regulatory requirements.

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Department of Environmental Quality	Hazardous Waste Pharmaceutical Rule	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the costs or economic benefits of any persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Environmental Quality	Miscellaneous Corrections	No persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups will be directly affected by this proposed rule change.
Department of Environmental Quality	Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator	There may be a decrease in costs to entities submitting a Notification of Change (NOC-1) Form, as the proposed rule change seeks to provide greater clarification as to the applicability of the rule, thereby reducing notices of deficiency.
Department of Environmental Quality	Termination of Stage II Program	Decommissioning activities have far exceeded the 18 months from EPA's approval of the SIP revision that allowed for termination of the Stage II program. The proposed rule change will reduce the financial impact on the regulated community by providing more time to comply ahead of enforcement actions.
Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole	Clemency	There is no anticipated cost and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole	Victims and Witnesses and Alien Removal Process	There is no anticipated cost and/or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Department of Health	Substance Abuse Counselors	Applicants seeking licensure or renewal as licensed prevention professionals, certified prevention professionals, registered prevention professionals, or certified prevention supervisors will incur costs associated with application and renewal fees as set forth in the proposed rules. Out-of-state telehealth providers seeking licensure to serve Louisiana clients will also be responsible for application and renewal fees. While these represent direct costs to applicants, the rule changes also provide benefits by establishing clear credentialing standards, expanding recognition of prevention professionals, and authorizing telehealth practice to increase access to services. These changes may improve professional mobility, provide additional employment opportunities, and enhance service delivery options for individuals and communities affected by addictive disorders.
Department of Health	Licensure Examination	There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups due to the rule proposed for initial adoption.
Department of Health	Managed Care Healthy Louisiana Hospital and Practitioner Directed Payments	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing Medicaid MCOs to allow practitioner and practitioner groups to participate in directed payments, in accordance with the preprint approved by CMS. Implementation of this rule is anticipated to have no cost or economic benefit to providers or small businesses in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, or FY 27-28.
Department of Health	Medical Transportation Program Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	This proposed rule adds the category of Transportation Network Companies into the brokered transportation networks used in managed care, fee-for-service, and existing programs as an additional category of non-emergency medical transportation. The number of trips required by Medicaid recipients is expected to remain the same, but they will have more options for receiving transportation services. This is expected to have a positive impact on beneficiaries, as these providers can be utilized to complete trips that traditional providers are unable to fulfill in the case of vehicle malfunctions or other unforeseen emergencies. It is anticipated this proposed rule will have no fiscal impact in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28 since the number of services provided and the fees for those services are not changing.

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Department of Health	Targeted Case Management Ventilator Care Coordination	This proposed rule adds ventilator care coordination as a targeted case management service. It lays out the requirements for hospitals and providers, clarifies targeted case management reimbursement rates, and establishes what the requirements are for beneficiaries to receive the services. This proposed rule will positively impact beneficiaries by allowing them to continue receiving ventilator services, but may result in higher costs to providers due to new requirements for staffing and case management services. This proposed rule is expected to result in increased payments to providers of \$530,971 for FY 25-26, \$796,457 in FY 26-27, and \$796,457 in FY 27-28.
Department of Health	Ambulatory Surgical Center Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will not impact direct or indirect costs or benefits to providers.
Department of Health	Behavioral Health Service Providers Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may result in an indeterminable increase in direct or indirect costs for BHSPs in FY 26, FY 27, and FY 28 depending, in part, on which level of substance use disorders (SUD) services that the BHSPs offer. Potential costs are dependent upon expenses incurred to deliver services, including additional staffing.
Department of Health	Hospitals Licensing Standards	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may have an indeterminable impact in direct or indirect costs/savings for hospitals in FY 26, FY 27, and FY 28. Hospitals that choose to utilize the same administrator for more than one hospital may realize a cost savings in employee salaries. By complying with the proposed Rule change, hospitals may be required to pay a higher salary to employ RNs with specialized experience in certain types of positions.
Department of Health	Plans and Permits Review Fees	Stakeholders seeking permits will be required to pay a plans review fee of \$100 or may choose to pay an expedited review fee of \$1,000 for faster processing within five business days. In addition, applicants may incur costs associated with increases in fees for export certificates and onsite sewer licenses and tags, as authorized by Act 514 of the 2025 Regular Session. These fees represent direct costs to individuals, businesses, or organizations applying for permits or licenses. While the rule results in additional expenses for applicants, it also provides the benefit of timely and predictable permit processing, particularly for those opting for expedited review.
Department of Health	Registration of Foods, Drugs, Cosmetics and Prophylactic Devices	It is anticipated that this proposed rule will significantly restrict the types of consumable hemp products that may be sold in Louisiana, which will reduce the variety of products available to consumers and negatively affect industry stakeholders. Manufacturers may incur costs to reformulate or repackage products to comply with new THC content, serving size, and labeling requirements. In addition, the rule restricts product registration to firms that hold a valid permit from the department, further limiting market participation. Businesses that fail to comply could face revocation of product registrations. While these changes may impose costs on affected firms, the rule is intended to improve consumer safety and ensure consistency in the regulation of hemp products.

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Department of Health	Radiologic Technologists	The proposed rule changes by the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) are expected to yield economic benefits without imposing new costs. By updating regulatory language to reflect current procedures, the LSRTBE anticipates saving approximately \$4,000 annually in printing and postage, as license renewals notices will now be delivered electronically rather than mailed. Also, by recognizing the NMTCB CT exam for the Fusion Imaging Permit, job opportunities may expand modestly by allowing more qualified technologists, particularly those from states that already accept the NMTCB credential, to become licensed in Louisiana. While this reciprocity helps reduce barriers for professionals relocating across states, the expected increase in the labor pool is limited given the national shortage of technologists. The change primarily supports workforce mobility, making it easier for nuclear medicine technologists who hold NMTCB credentials but lack ARRT certification to qualify for the Fusion Permit. This may ease recruitment challenges, particularly for small healthcare providers, by reducing hiring costs and helping facilities retain qualified staff. Overall, the rule change is projected to produce modest cost savings for the Board, remove barriers to licensure, and improve flexibility in addressing staffing needs across the state.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 25—Sale of Stock to Public; Stock Options	The proposed rule change will have no economic benefit to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups. This rule is being repealed due to obsolete law.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 106—Replacement of Limited Benefit Insurance Policies	The proposed rule change will benefit directly affected persons by prohibiting the deliberate use of misrepresentation or false statements by insurance producers for the purpose of convincing a customer to replace a limited benefit insurance policy and directs the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate rules and/or regulations addressing the replacement of limited benefit insurance policies as defined in R.S. 22:47(2)(c).
Department of Insurance	Regulation 112—Adoption of NAIC Handbooks, Guidelines, Forms, and Instructions	The proposed rule changes will benefit persons and entities seeking to identify which handbooks or guidelines are currently being incorporated by reference that serve as professional guidance for entities under the purview of LDI. These handbooks and guidelines will be available for public viewing in hardcopy form at the offices of the LDI and Office of State Register and online at the NAIC website.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 117—Submission of Contact Information for Risk-Bearing Entities	The proposed rule change will benefit directly affected persons by making it mandatory to include disaster complaints and insurance fraud contact information for risk-bearing entities.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Disaster Remediation Program	There is no anticipated cost and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Department of Revenue	Louisiana Fortified Roof Tax Credit Program and Construction Code Retrofitting Deduction	The proposed rule provides a nonrefundable tax credit to qualifying individuals and increases the size and expands the eligibility of an existing income tax deduction. Homeowners will incur expenses relating to fortify home evaluations and certifications to claim the construction code retrofit deduction or the nonrefundable Louisiana fortified roof credit. Taxpayers will have to complete the application process and/or attach documentation to their return. Additional costs for completion and submission of the required paperwork for this proposed rule are expected to be minor. Homeowners enabled to retrofit residences to fortified roof standards may realize an economic benefit. Businesses specializing in fortified roof installations and certifications of fortified roof installations may realize an indeterminable benefit to the extent that Act 404 increases baseline installations of fortified roofs statewide.

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<p align="center">Department of Revenue</p>	<p align="center">Tax Credit Documentation Requirements</p>	<p>Taxpayers claiming the inventory tax credit, certain school readiness tax credits, or the telephone property tax credit will be affected by the proposed rule. Taxpayers will be required to submit new documentation when filing the return. However, the additional costs for completion and submission of the required information to claim the tax credit on the return from this proposed rule are expected to be minor.</p> <p>To the extent taxpayers previously received interest in certain circumstances, the proposed rule will decrease taxpayer income from the interest suspension when proper documentation is not provided.</p>
<p align="center">Department of Wildlife and Fisheries</p>	<p align="center">Wildlife Rehabilitation Program</p>	<p>The proposed rule changes may reduce recording-keeping costs, training costs, and other regulatory compliance expenditures for wildlife rehabilitators.</p> <p>The LDWF recorded an average of 147 nuisance wildlife control operators and 51 resident-nonresident wildlife rehabilitators between License Year (LY) 2022 and LY 2024.</p>
<p align="center">Louisiana Workforce Commission</p>	<p align="center">Separation Notices</p>	<p>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 change.</p>
<p align="center">Louisiana Workforce Commission</p>	<p align="center">Medical Treatment Guidelines</p>	<p>The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or economic benefits to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.</p>