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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, 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and can be viewed here:

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<p align="center"><b>Department of Agriculture and Forestry</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Indian Creek Campsite Fees</b></p>	<p>The proposed rule is anticipated to result in nominal costs to individuals who rent campsites at the Indian Creek Recreation Area as the proposed rule changes various campsite rental rates from a specific fee to a range that could result in a nominal increase. The maximum increase for each of the affected fees could be an additional increment of up to two dollars (\$2) per night above the current rental rates.</p> <p>The proposed rule is not anticipated to have any costs or benefits to small businesses or non-governmental groups.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Department of Children and Family Services</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Suspension of License Renewal Fees</b></p>	<p>This proposed rule will have an impact on businesses that pay licensing fees to DCFS. These businesses will not have to pay licensing fees in FY21 in an effort to help them recover from COVID-19.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Board of Dentistry</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Teledentistry; Authorized Duties</b></p>	<p>The proposed promulgated rule for §203 will directly affect Louisiana dentists because this rule would allow Louisiana dentists to perform dentistry via teledentistry. This promulgated rule will also make it clear that the standard of care remains the same. However, one exception is that a Louisiana licensed dentist, who is treating a patient in person can consult with a non-Louisiana licensed expert via teledentistry, if the consultant has a U.S. dental license.</p> <p>The proposed rule change to §701 will directly affect hygienists, in very restricted circumstances, to perform radiographs, prophys, sealants and/or fluoride varnish under the supervision of a dentist via teledentistry. However, in order for a hygienist to be able to do these things under teledentistry supervision, the hygienist would have to be employed by an FQHC, a governmental agency, or a non-profit which is not receiving compensation for the work performed. If the hygienist is employed by one of these entities, then he or she would be able to perform the four listed procedures under teledentistry supervision, but only in very limited places:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A public elementary or middle school in which 50% or more of the students are economically disadvantaged and is in a parish with a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score above 15 (this would exclude all urban parishes in this state; thus, no schools in any urban area would qualify to allow hygienists to work under teledentistry supervision).</li> <li>2. A fixed clinic of an FQHC that does not have a dentist and is in a parish with a HPSA score above 15. Again, this would exclude any FQHCs in urban areas. The dentist supervising via teledentistry would be required to view images of the oral cavity before the patient is discharged.</li> </ol>
<p align="center"><b>Board of Optometry Examiner</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>License to Practice Optometry; Licensure by Endorsement; Fees</b></p>	<p>Increased licensing fees will result in an increased cost for licensed optometrists by \$100 per year. For optometrists who fail to timely renew their optometry license, the delinquency will increase costs for licensed optometrists by an additional \$200 per year.</p>

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<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Laboratory and Radiology Services</b>	This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing laboratory and radiology services in order to ensure that the existing language reflects current practices, remove coding and billing instructions and other extraneous information from the administrative Rule, and promulgate these provisions clearly and accurately in the Louisiana Administrative Code. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in an increase or decrease in payments for laboratory and radiology services in FY 20-21, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, but will be beneficial by providing accurate and clearly identified program requirements.
<b>Board of Pardons</b>	<b>General Provisions</b>	There is no estimated cost and/or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule changes.
<b>Office of State Fire Marshal</b>	<b>Fire-Resistant Material Applicators</b>	The proposed rules will allow an individual to acquire a fire-resistant materials applicator certificate of registration from the Office of State Fire Marshal if they meet the registration and certification requirements. There is no cost for the fire-resistant materials applicator certificate of registration. Individuals may realize economic benefits in the form of compensation for performing the services of fire-resistant materials application from customers, but this economic impact is undeterminable. Individuals wishing to work as a fire-resistant materials applicator will be required to meet all registration and certification requirements, which may create costs and/or workload impact for these individuals.
<b>Board of Medical Examiners</b>	<b>Licensure and Certification; Physicians</b>	It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have a material effect on costs, paperwork or workload of physicians or other health care providers licensed by the LSBME, nor on receipts and/or income of licensees, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Plumbing Board</b>	<b>Multi-Site Signage</b>	The proposed rule change may result in a decrease in costs to those employers who are the sole employing entity for a multi-site project by allowing them to post fewer signs at a worksite.