

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Rule

Title: LPC and LMFT Endorsement Licensure

Date Rule

Takes Effect: Immediate

SUMMARY

(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 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 summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

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

Other than the cost of rulemaking, which is approximately \$400 in FY 25 related to publishing the proposed rule and final rule in the Louisiana Register, the proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The cost of rulemaking will be paid from self-generated funds.

Current rules state that the LA Licensed Professional Counselors Board (LPC Board) shall issue a license to any person who has been licensed and actively practicing in another jurisdiction for at least five years (the board may issue the license to someone with fewer than five years' experience if the jurisdiction's licensing requirements are similar or exceed those of Louisiana). The proposed rule changes allow for endorsement licensure at one year rather than five years for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) to align with Act 253 of the 2024 Legislative Session.

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

To the extent more persons from other states seek licensure by endorsement in Louisiana pursuant to the new regulation, there will be a commensurate increase in licensure fee revenues to the LPC Board. However, the amount of such an increase, if any, is indeterminable.

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

The proposed rule changes lower the minimum standard of five years of full licensure to one year of full licensure to be endorsed by the state of Louisiana as an LPC or an LMFT. This may benefit LPCs and LMFTs by making it easier for them to practice in Louisiana if they were originally licensed in another jurisdiction. This may also benefit prospective clients by increasing their access to LPCs and LMFTs.

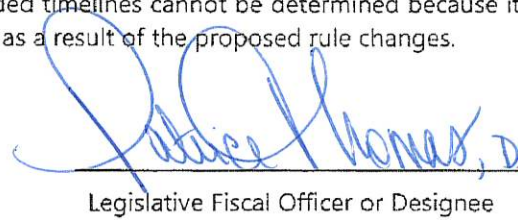
IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes may affect employment to the extent more persons from other states seek licensure by endorsement in Louisiana pursuant to the new regulation. However, the aggregate effect on competition and employment of the amended timelines cannot be determined because it is unknown if any additional persons will seek licensure as a result of the proposed rule changes.

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Signature of Agency Head or Designee

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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Date of Signature

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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 proposed rule will allow a fully licensed counselor or therapist in another state to be licensed in Louisiana after one year of practice in another state if the license is unencumbered and in good standing.

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

Act 253 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislative Session provided for endorsement for licensees returning to practice in Louisiana. The LPC Board moved to be in compliance with this as well as reduce the barriers of licensure to one year for any out of state applicant as permitted by the new legislation.

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.

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- (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

The LPC Board operates on self-generated funds and receives no funding from the Legislature.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
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	\$400	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major Repairs & Constr.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$400	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. 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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3. 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	\$400	\$0	\$0
Dedicated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$400	\$0	\$0

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

Yes, the LPC Board has funds to implement the proposed action.

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.

No impacts on local governmental units are anticipated.

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

Sources of funding of local governmental units will not be affected by the proposed rule.

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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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW
Dedicated Funds*	\$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 OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons 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.

The proposed rule changes lower the minimum standard of five years of full licensure to one year of full licensure to be endorsed by the state of Louisiana as an LPC or an LMFT. This may benefit LPCs and LMFTs by making it easier for them to practice in Louisiana if they were originally licensed in another jurisdiction. This may also benefit prospective clients by increasing their access to LPCs and LMFTs.

- 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.

To the extent an individual obtains a license pursuant to the proposed rule changes, they may experience an increase in their income.

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.

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