

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Phone:	(225) 219-7330	Office:	Board of Dentistry LAC 46:XXXIII.128 "Provisional Licensure for Dental Healthcare Workers Providing Gratuitous Services," .1611 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists," .1613 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists," .1709 "Examination of Dentists," and .1711 "Examination of Dental Hygienists"
Return Address:	P.O. Box 5256  Baton Rouge, LA 70821	Rule Title:	
		Date Rule Takes Effect:	Immediately

**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 estimated implementation costs for the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry (LSBD) are approximately \$500 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*. There are no other estimated implementation costs for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes.

Current board members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry would gain the ability to earn up to one hour of continuing dental education per board meeting attended.

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

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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

The propose rule change is anticipated to reduce their overall expenses associated with obtaining continuing education credits. While the exact monetary benefit cannot be determined, it represents a cost-saving opportunity for board members.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

  
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Executive Director  
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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).

LAC 46:XXXIII.128 "Provisional Licensure for Dental Healthcare Workers Providing Gratuitous Services" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to allow the Board to designate sites where gratuitous services by out of state dentists and dental hygienists may be provided because the Department of Health has stopped specifying sites.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to allow current board members to obtain one hour of continuing dental education per each attended board meeting to reflect the learning experience they obtain during the year by reviewing numerous complaints.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to allow current board members to obtain one hour of continuing dental hygiene education per each attended board meeting to reflect the learning experience they obtain during the year by reviewing numerous complaints.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1709 "Examination of Dentists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to remove the mandatory requirement that an applicant with three licensing exam failures meet with the full board, requiring it only if deemed necessary. The Board has felt that some of these meetings were unnecessary in the past.

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

LAC 46:XXXIII.128 "Provisional Licensure for Dental Healthcare Workers Providing Gratuitous Services" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule because the Department of Health and Hospitals no longer oversees site approvals.

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- A. 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 change will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

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

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry operates on self-generated revenue and does not receive state funds.

**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?

<b>COSTS</b>	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>POSITIONS (#)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$500	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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 Louisiana State Board of Dentistry currently has sufficient 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.

The proposed rule change is not expected to result in implementation costs or savings for 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 change is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings for 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is a self-funded agency.

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.

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections of state or local government units.

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

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.

There is no anticipated impact on receipts and / or income resulting from change.

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.

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.