

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS**

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SUMMARY

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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 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) (LAC 46:XLV.416, 433, 441, 449 & 4005)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, the board proposes, pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 5(d), to add LAC 46:XLV.416, for those licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact ("IMLC"), so as to conform the information, data and oaths the Board receives from IMLC practitioners to match the information, data and oaths it already receives from licensure applicants who have applied for licensure, renewal and/or reinstatement under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the Board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq. Likewise, the Board proposes amending LAC 46:XLV.433, 441, 449, and 4005 to require all IMLC licenses to comply with continuing medical education (CME) requirements pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 7(b), similar to those already expected of individuals licensed under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the Board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq.

The proposed changes will result in a one-time publication expense estimated at \$789.00, in FY 25 for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). Otherwise, there is no anticipated impact on the LSBME or any state or local governmental unit, inclusive of adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements.

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

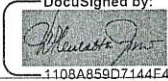
The proposed addition of LAC 46:XLV.416, for those licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact ("IMLC"), so as to conform the information, data and oaths the Board receives from IMLC practitioners to match the information, data and oaths it already receives from licensure applicants who have applied for licensure, renewal and/or reinstatement under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the Board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq. Likewise, the changes to LAC 46:XLV.433, 441, 449, and 4005 require all IMLC licenses to comply with continuing medical education (CME) requirements pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 7(b), similar to those already expected of individuals licensed under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the Board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq. Accordingly, there is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of the LSBME or other state or local governmental units save for a likely minor increase in revenue from possible newly qualified international medical graduate license applicants.

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

While it is true the IMLC licensees will be required to complete approximately four additional pages of paperwork and attest to an oath before a notary, it is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have a material effect on costs, paperwork or workload of those affected by the amendments, the physicians licensed pursuant to the IMLC law, by the LSBME, nor on receipts and/or income of licensees, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

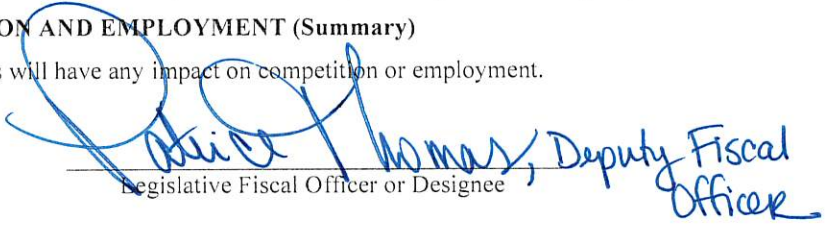
It is not anticipated that the proposed changes will have any impact on competition or employment.

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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 deliberations 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).

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

In 2021, the Louisiana legislature passed the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which provided another path to Louisiana licensure for physicians. Unlike the standard path to licensure, under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the Board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq., the Compact, R.S. 37:1310.1, does not require certain information, oaths and/or continuing medical education (CME) from license applicants. It does provide however that professional boards may seek such information from the licensee after application. See, R.S. 37:1310.1, Section (7)(b). Thus, in order for the Board to obtain the same information, oaths and CME regarding IMLC licensees as it already does regarding its "standard path" licensees, the Board has undertaken this rule process.

- C. 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.

Separate from the publishing cost, there will be a minimal cost to the Board for implementing these new rules, but such costs are offset by the license applicant's fees, as they are for those "standard pathway" licensees.

- (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) _____ No. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

Not applicable. The Board is self-funded.

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I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase or (decrease) in cost to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$increase	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
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POSITIONS (#)			

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.

The proposed changes will result in a one-time publication expense estimated at \$789.00, in FY 20 for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). Otherwise, it is anticipated that the LSBME licensure department will have a small increase in its workload and paperwork equivalent to the number of IMLC licensees who apply to the LSBME each year. This number cannot be ascertained in advance, but it is noted that the LSBME already does this same work as to applicants licensed under its standard licensing process so the impact is unlikely to be unwieldy since the analysts are already trained in regard to this paperwork. These conclusions are based on the Summary of the changes in Item I above and Item A, above.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$1,500	NA	NA
FEDERAL FUNDS			
OTHER (Specify)			
TOTAL	\$1,500	NA	NA

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, see below, the source of funding for implementing the proposed rule arises from the IMLC license applicant's payment of licensing fees.

B. COSTS 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 IMLC license applicants pay the same licensing fee as the LSBME's physician applicants via its standard licensing process. As such, the cost of the work associated with this rule amendment is offset by the IMLC licensing fee.

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

Not applicable. The Board is self-funded.

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase or (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REV. INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND			

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AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
RESTRICTED FUND*			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
LOCAL FUNDS			
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.

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of the LSBME or other state or local governmental units.

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

A. 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 effects 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.

Physicians applying to the LSBME via Louisiana's new Interstate Medical Licensure Compact law, La. R.S. 37:1310.1 will be directly affected by the proposed amendment as they will be required to complete certain state-mandated CME, as well as certain forms authorizing particular Board regulation, and regarding their criminal history, practice of medicine, practice history, education history and competence related to their practice. Such paperwork and the notarization of, at most, two documents is only required once per year. Such notarization is anticipated to cost less than \$25.00 per IMLC licensee (most states set notary fees and usually an oath is set at less than \$15.00. <https://www.nationalnotary.org/knowledge-center/about-notaries/notary-fees-by-state> Louisiana is one of eleven states that does not set a fee schedule, so \$25.00 is an estimate). Otherwise, it is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have a material effect on costs, paperwork or workload of those affected by the amendments, the physicians licensed pursuant to the IMLC law, by the LSBME, of licensees, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

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.

It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

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.

It is not anticipated that the proposed changes will have any negative impact on competition or employment.