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From:

Hollie Taranto

Executive Director

Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Date:

April 21, 2025

Subject:

Fee and Expense Schedule

The Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners has proposed amendments to its rules governing fees and expenses, (LAC 46: LXVI.1217). The proposed Rule changes are made in conjunction with R.S. 37: §3218.

To facilitate the Department of Justice's review of the proposed rule, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners provides answers to the following questions:

1. Describe any relevant factual background to the occupational regulation and the purpose of the occupational regulation?

The proposed rule change establishes a new licensure fee schedule, updates minimal administrative costs that are currently operational expenses, as well as a permit fee schedule for Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) permits.

Pursuant to Act 250 of 2014, the requested change in rules will increase the radiologic technology license renewal fee from \$100.00 per two-year period to \$150.00 per two-year period. It will establish a Limited X-ray Machine Operator temporary permit fee of \$50.00, and a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) two-year permit fee \$150.00. Additionally, it will update the late and administrative fee schedule. These changes will result in an approximate increase of \$160,000 to \$185,000 in self-generated revenues each fiscal year beginning FY 26. Increased annual revenues will be used to cover the Board's general operating expenses and to upgrade the office infrastructure for greater efficiency and convenience for license and permit holders.

2. Is the occupational regulation within the scope of the occupational licensing board's general authority to regulate in a given occupation or industry? If so, identify the law that provides the authority for the rule and describe how the occupational regulation is within the scope.

§3218. Fees

- A. The board shall promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in this Chapter. The fee schedule may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board.
- B. The proposed rule change establishes a new licensure fee schedule, updates minimal administrative costs that are currently operational expenses, as well as a permit fee schedule for Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) permits. The board wishes to increase fees for fiscal responsibility and to implement changes in operational infrastructure. The board believes it is a sufficient time to do so, in that such increases in fees would align the cost for license and permit holders with the board's cost of delivering services. The increased revenue will support the Board's general operating expenses and fund upgrades to office infrastructure, enhancing efficiency and improving the licensing and permitting experience for applicants.

3. Check all of the following that apply as reasons the occupational regulation is subject
to review
[] Creates a barrier to market competition
[X] Fixes prices, limits price competition, or results in high prices for a product or
service provided by or to a license holder.
[] Reduces competition or excludes present or potential competitors from the
occupation regulated by the board
[] Limits output or supply in this state of any good or service provided by the
members of the regulated occupation.
Reduces the number of providers that can serve a particular set of customers
Changes existing requirements for licensure, certification, registration, etc.
Other activity (please describe)

4. Identify the clearly articulated state policy (e.g., health, safety, welfare, or consumer protection) in state statute, or any supporting evidence of the harm the action/proposed action is intended to protect against?

In 1984, the Louisiana Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act, R.S. 37:3200 through R.S. 37:3221, provided that, to safeguard life and health by preventing excessive and improper exposure to ionizing radiation, any person practicing or offering to practice as a radiologic technologist in this state shall submit evidence that they are qualified to do so and shall be allowed to practice as a radiologic technologist. The Act created a board of examiners with regulatory authority responsible for examining, licensing and regulating qualified applicants as Radiologic technologists and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public from the misuse of ionizing radiation. This law pertains to both diagnostic and therapeutic uses of ionizing radiation. Fees apply to all licensed and permitted individuals who are licensed/permitted to apply ionizing radiation.

5. Do any less restrictive alternatives to the occupational regulation exist for addressing the same harm? If so, include a comparison of the occupational regulation to the alternatives and a justification for not pursuing a less restrictive alternative. If no less restrictive alternatives exist, explain why.

There are not any less restrictive alternatives to the occupational regulation that exists for addressing the same harm, as minimum standards established by the board already exist for individuals applying ionizing radiation to the public.

6. Describe the process that the occupational licensing board followed in developing the proposed rule, including any public hearings held, studies conducted, and data collected or analyzed.

The Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement (FEIS) was submitted and approved, and the notice of intent was sent to the Louisiana Register, along with the required oversight report. The notice of intent was published in the March 2025 Louisiana Register with public comments accepted until April 10th, 2025. The board did not receive any requests or public comments, thus did not conduct a public hearing.

7. Does the occupational regulation relate to a matter on which there is pending litigation or a final court order?

No

8. Please identify the board members voting in favor of this rule, and state whether the member is an active market participant.

Robert Newsome, MD (yes, Licensed Radiologist)
Brent Boudreaux, MD (yes, Licensed Radiologist)
Fred Drouant (yes, Licensed Radiologic Technologist)
Kirk Soileau (yes, Hospital Administrator)

Naveed Awan (yes, Hospital Administrator)

9. Is there anything else that the occupational licensing board would like the Department to know about the proposed rule?

The Board recently promulgated a rule to establish a temporary permit for Limited X-Ray Operators (LXMO). This new professional role was created to address a need in Urgent Care Clinics across the State. Rather than piece-meal fee changes, the Board did a comprehensive review of fees noting the last time that fees were increased (2014). Cognizant of the burden of any fees on its license and/or permit holders, the Board made sure that any increases to fees and the establishment of a fee for Limited X-Ray Operators was an amount that was absolutely necessary to maintain the Board's regulatory functions and further the technological goals of the Board to ensure optimum efficiency.

The Board has received no written public comments, and there were no requests for a public hearing to be held. Because there were no requests for a public hearing, one was not held for the proposed rule amendments. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Hollie Taranto at (504) 838-5231 or via email execdirector@lsrtbe.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Hollie Taranto, MBA, R.T.(R)(ARRT)

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4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;

5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

After considering HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;

2. the total direct and indirect effect on the 90st to the providers to provide the same level of service; or

3.- the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to the Executive Director, Louisiana State Radio ogic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, or via email to executirector@lsrtbe.org. Comments will be accepted until 3 p/m. on February 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

No public hearing on this proposed Rule has been scheduled. If a public hearing is needed, all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing. Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing to the Executive Director, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 31/8 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, or via smail to execdirector@lsrtbe.org; however, such request must be received no later than 3 p.m. on February 10, 2025. Any person wishing to attend should call to confirm that a hearing is being held by calling 504-838-5231.

> Hollie Taranto, M.B.A., R.T. (R) **Executive Director**

FISCAL AND ÉCONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE/TITLE: Radiologic Technologists

ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The estimated implementation costs for the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners are approximately \$1,500 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the Louistana Register. There are no other estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE R 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 NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated economic benefits or losses resulting from the proposed rule,

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

Hollie Taranto Executive Director 2503#007

Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Radiologic Technologists (LAC 46:LXVI.1217)

Notice is hereby given that the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana R.S. 37:3207 and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., intends to amend its rules governing fees and expenses, (LAC 46:LXVI.1217). The proposed Rule changes are made in conjunction with R.S. 37: §3218, which allow for the promulgation of a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in this Chapter.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL **STANDARDS**

Part LXVI. Radiologic Technologists Chapter 12. **Continuing Education Requirements** §1217. Fee and Expenses

A. The rules of this Chapter prescribe the fees and costs applicable to the licensing of radiologic technologists and permitting of Limited X-ray Machine Operators (LXMO).

B. For processing applications for licensure and permits, the following fees shall be payable to the board:

1. initial two-year radiographer, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy or fusion technologist license, \$150;

2. duplicate license, \$25;

biennial renewal of license, 2 years, or biennial renewal of LXMO permit, 2 years, \$150;

4. issuance of ninety 90-day temporary radiographer, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy working permit, 1year temporary fusion technology permit, or 1-year temporary LXMO permit; \$50.00;

5. late fee in addition to the renewal fee for a license or permit placed on an expired status using a postmark date, \$200:

6. reinstatement of a license or LXMO two-year permit that has been revoked or suspended, \$300.

C. - C.5. ...

6. Processing and handling a request for the board's endorsement of licensure or permit status to another state for the purpose of reciprocity, \$50. All requests will be

processed within 5 business days. Requests completed by the board will be mailed or emailed. No verbal responses will be provided;

C.7. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207 and 3220.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 21:181 (February 1995), amended LR 40:2266 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 42:2191 (December 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

After considering R.S.49:972, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no significant effect on the:

1. family stability;

- authority rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children;
 - 3. family function;
 - 4. family earnings and family budget;
 - 5. behavior and personal responsibility of children; or,
- 6. ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

After considering R.S.49:973, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no significant effect on the:

- 1. household income, assets, and financial security;
- early childhood or education development;
- employment or workforce development; 3.
- taxes and tax credits; or
- child and dependent care, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Provider Impact Statement

After considering HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no effect on the:

- 1. staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service,
- total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service; or
- 3. overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule to: Executive Director, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, 504-838-5231. The Executive Director is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 3 p.m. on April 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

No public hearing on this proposed Rule has been scheduled. If a public hearing is needed, all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing. Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing to the Executive Director, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, or via email to execdirector@lsrtbe.org; however, such request must be received no later than 3 p.m. on April 10, 2025. Any person wishing to attend should call

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> Hollie Taranto, M.B.A., R.T.(R) **Executive Director**

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Radiologic Technologists

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

The cost for the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is approximately \$900 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register. The board operates on self-generating revenue primarily from licensing renewal fees. Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state agencies resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes.

ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE

OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will increase the radiologic technology license renewal fee from \$100 to \$150 per two-year period. It will also raise the temporary permit fee from \$10 to \$50 and establish an initial, one-year Limited X-ray Machine Operator temporary permit fee of \$50, and a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) two-year permit fee of \$150. Additionally, the late and administrative fee schedule will be updated. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50. These changes are expected to generate an additional \$163,000 to \$185,000 in self-generated revenue each fiscal year, starting in FY 26. The increased revenue will support the Board's general operating expenses and fund upgrades to office infrastructure, enhancing efficiency and improving the licensing and permitting experience for applicants.

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

The current radiologic technology licensing fee is \$100 for a two-year period. Proposed changes to the rule will increase the licensing fee to \$150 for a two-year period. In addition, the proposed changes will establish a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) temporary permit fee of \$50, and a two-year LXMO permit fee of \$150. The proposed rule changes will update administrative fees for certain services or transactions, resulting in a potential cost for licenses and permit holders in line with the board's cost of delivering those services. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50. The increase in fees is due to an increase in operating expenses of the board and in the future will be used by the board to upgrade its infrastructure which will create increased operational efficiency, greater consistency, and easier access of data to licensees and permit holders.

IV ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

Hollie Taranto **Executive Director** 2503#036

Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer Legislative Fiscal Office

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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 Return Address:	3108 Cleary Avenue	Rule Title:	Title 46, Prof/ Occupational Standards, 1217. Fees and Expenses
	Suite 207		
	Metairie	Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon promulgation- Fiscal year 26

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.

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

The proposed rule change will increase the radiologic technology license renewal fee from \$100 to \$150 per two-year period. It will also raise the temporary permit fee from \$10 to \$50 and establish an initial, one-year Limited X-ray Machine Operator temporary permit fee of \$50, and a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) two-year permit fee of \$150. Additionally, the late and administrative fee schedule will be updated. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50. These changes are expected to generate an additional \$163,000 to \$185,000 in self-generated revenue each fiscal year, starting in FY 26. The increased revenue will support the Board's general operating expenses and fund upgrades to office infrastructure, enhancing efficiency and improving the licensing and permitting experience for applicants.

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IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

Hollie Taranto, Executive Director

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

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Date of Signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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).

Proposed changes to the rule will increase the radiologic technology license fee from \$100 per two-year period to \$150 per two-year period per license, and the temporary permit from \$10 to \$50 per permit. In addition, the proposed changes will establish a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) temporary permit fee of \$50, and a two-year LXMO permit fee of \$150 per two-year period. It also updates the late fee and administrative fee schedule. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50.

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

The Intent of this rule increases the radiologic technology license initial and renewal fee, and permit fee. It will update the late and administrative fee schedule and will establish a fee schedule for Limited X-ray Machine Operator (LXMO) permits. The increase in fees is due to an increase in operating expenses of the board and in the future will be used by the board to upgrade its operational infrastructure which will create increased efficiency, greater consistency and easier access of data to licensees and permit holders.

- 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.

The proposed rule change will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

(2) If the answer to (1) necessary for the asso	above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds clated 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 Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners operates on self-generating revenue and does not receive state funds.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT WORKSHEET

1. 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	\$900	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$900	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

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 cost for the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is approximately \$900 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*. Currently there are three full-time staff members. There are no other estimated implementation costs or savings for state agencies resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes.

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	\$900	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$Q	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$900	\$0	\$0

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

Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners has sufficient self-generated funds available to implement the proposed rule changes,

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

 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 changes will not result in costs or savings to local governmental units.

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

The proposed rule changes will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT WORKSHEET

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	
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	****	FY 27
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED		\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$163,000	\$185,000
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL.	\$0	\$163,000	\$185,000

^{*}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.

Self-generating licensing fees are the primary source of revenue.

The current licensing fee, which was established in 2014, is \$100 for a two-year period, as outlined below:

FY 25 \$100 x 3400 license renewals expected = \$340,000 \$10 x 400 permits expected = \$4,000 Late fees anticipated based on the last three years = \$20,000

The proposed increase in the licensing fee to \$150 for a two-year period is projected to generate the following additional revenue:

FY 26 \$50 increase x 2800 expected license renewals = \$140,000 \$40 increase x 200 expected permits = \$8,000 Late fees based on historical data are approximately \$15,000

FY 27 \$50 increase x 3400 expected license renewals = \$170,000 \$40 increase x 200 permits = \$8,000 Late fees approximately \$7,000

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL 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 namative 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 change will affect those already licensed. Licensee impact will be an increase to .-. \$150 per two-year period. The temporary permit increase will be from \$10 to \$50 a year. Initial one-year Limited X-ray Machine Operator (LXMO) temporary permits will be implemented at \$50 each and LXMO two-year permits at \$150 per two-year period. The late fee and administrative fee schedule would also be adjusted based on the costs of providing these services to license and permit holders.
 - 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.

The proposed rule changes will not impact a licensee or permit holder's receipts or revenue.

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.

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health

Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Radiologic Technologists

(LAC 46: LXVI. Chapter 12)

Notice is hereby given that the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana R.S. 37:3207 and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., intends to amend its rules governing fees and expenses, LAC 46: LXVI Chapter 12. The proposed Rule changes are made in conjunction with 37: § 3218, which allow for the promulgation of a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in this Chapter.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXVI. Radiologic Technologists

Chapter 12. Continuing Education Requirements

§1217. Fee and Expenses

- A. The rules of this Chapter prescribe the fees and costs applicable to the licensing of radiologic technologists and permitting of Limited X-ray Machine Operators (LXMO).
 - B. For processing applications for licensure and permits, the following fees shall be payable to the board;
 - 1. Initial two-year radiographer, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy or fusion technologist license, \$100; \$150;
 - Duplicate license, \$25;
 - 3. Biennial renewal of license, 2 years, or biennial renewal of LXMO permit, 2 years, \$100; \$150;
- 4. Issuance of ninety 90-day temporary radiolographer, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy working permit, 1-year temporary fusion technology permit, or 1-year temporary LXMO permit \$10.00; \$50.00;
- 5. Delinquency Late fee in addition to the renewal fee for a license or permit placed on an expired status using a postmark date, \$200;
 - (a) all or part of June, July, August, \$50;
 - (b) all or part of September, \$75;
 - (c) all or part of October, \$100;
 - (d) all or part of November, \$150;

(e) all or part of December, \$200:

- (6) Reinstatement fee, in addition to delinquency fee and renewal fee of a license-which has expired, \$25 per month;
- (7)6. Reinstatement of a license or LXMO two-year permit that has been revoked or suspended, \$300.

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6. Processing and handling a request for the board's endorsement of licensure or permit status to another state for the purpose of reciprocity licensure, \$25; \$50. All requests will be processed within 5 business days. Requests completed by the board will be mailed or emailed. No verbal responses will be provided;

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AUTHORITY NOTE:

Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207 and 3220.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of

Examiners, LR 21:181 (February 1995), amended LR 40:2266 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic

Technology Board of Examiners, LR 42:2191 (December 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology

Board of Examiners, LR TBD

Family Impact Statement

After considering R.S.49:972, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no significant effect on the;

- 1. family stability,
- 2. authority rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children,
- 3. family function,
- 4. family earnings and family budget,
- 5. behavior and personal responsibility of children; or,
- ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

After considering R.S.49:973, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no significant effect on the;

- 1. household income, assets, and financial security,
- 2. early childhood or education development,
- 3. employment or workforce development,

4. taxes and tax credits; or

child and dependent care, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Provider Impact Statement

After considering HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, it is anticipated that the proposed Rule change will have no effect on the;

staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service,

2. total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service; or

overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule to: Executive Director, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, 504-838-5231. The Executive Director is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 3pm on April 10th, 2025.

Public Hearing

No public hearing on this proposed Rule has been scheduled. If a public hearing is needed, all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing. Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing to the Executive Director, Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, or via email to execdirector@lsrtbe.org; however, such request must be received no later than 3pm on April 10th, 2025. Any person wishing to attend should call to confirm that a hearing is being held by calling 504-838-5231.

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Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement for Administrative Rules

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

The cost for the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is approximately \$900 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The board operates on self-generating revenue primarily from licensing renewal fees. Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state agencies resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes.

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

The proposed rule change will increase the radiologic technology license renewal fee from \$100 to \$150 per two-year period. It will also raise the temporary permit fee from \$10 to \$50 and establish an initial, one-year Limited X-ray Machine Operator temporary permit fee of \$50, and a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) two-year permit fee of \$150. Additionally, the late and administrative fee schedule will be updated. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50. These changes are expected to generate an additional \$163,000 to \$185,000 in self-generated revenue each fiscal year, starting in FY 26. The increased revenue will support the Board's general operating expenses and fund upgrades to office infrastructure, enhancing efficiency and improving the licensing and permitting experience for applicants.

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

The current radiologic technology licensing fee is \$100 for a two-year period. Proposed changes to the rule will increase the licensing fee to \$150 for a two-year period. In addition, the proposed changes will establish a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) temporary permit fee of \$50, and a two-year LXMO permit fee of \$150. The proposed rule changes will update administrative fees for certain services or transactions, resulting in a potential cost for licenses and permit holders in line with the board's cost of delivering those services. Currently late fees are determined by the time of the licensure renewal. The proposed late fee will be \$200, no matter when the time of renewal. The administrative fee change reflects the verification fee increasing from \$25 to \$50. The increase in fees is due to an increase in operating expenses of the board and in the future will be used by the board to upgrade its operational infrastructure which will create increased efficiency, greater consistency, and easier access of data to licensees and permit holders.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

Signature of Head or Designee

Hollie Taranto, Executive Director

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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Date of Signature