

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

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	Date Rule Takes Effect: <u>Upon Promulgation</u>

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)

There will be no costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule change, except for the cost associated with publishing, which is included in the annual operating budget of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). The proposed rule change defines an unlicensed veterinarian, requires an in-person physical examination to establish the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship, and gives discretion to the licensed veterinarian with respect to the allowable drugs prescribed and dispensed to Louisiana deer farmers.

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

The proposed rule change will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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

The proposed rule change will help better protect the public and animals of Louisiana from the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine and by requiring an in-person, physical exam for the establishment of the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is anticipated to have no effect on competition or employment.



Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Jared B. Granier, MBA - Executive Director

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

08/02/2024
Date of Signature



Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

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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 change clearly defines an unlicensed veterinarian, requires an in-person, physical examination to establish the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship, and gives discretion to the licensed veterinarian with respect to the allowable drugs prescribed and dispensed to deer farmers in Louisiana.

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

It is necessary to clarify that a veterinarian with an expired license is considered an unlicensed veterinarian and a graduate of a DVM program who has not yet successfully passed the national exam (NAVLE) is considered an unlicensed veterinarian. Also, it is necessary to clarify what is required for a veterinarian to establish the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship.

- 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.

No, the proposed rule change will not result in any increase in the 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) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

**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?

The only anticipated operating cost for implementation of the proposed rule change is that associated with publishing the proposed rule change, which is included in the Board's annual operating budget (estimated at \$750 in FY 2025).

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$750	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major Repairs & Constr.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$750	\$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.

There will be no costs or savings to state or local governmental units, except for the cost associated with publishing the proposed rule amendment, which is included in the annual operating budget of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board), which is estimated at \$750 in FY 2025.

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

The Board operates on self-generated funds received through licensing and annual renewal fees.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated	\$750	\$0	\$0
Dedicated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$750	\$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 Board has sufficient funds to implement the proposed rule change.

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.

There will be no impact on local governmental units from the proposed rule change.

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

No funding of local governmental units will be affected from the proposed rule change.

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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?

The proposed rule change will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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
Other (Specify)	\$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.

There is no anticipated effect on revenue from the proposed rule change.

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 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 change will help better protect the public and animals of Louisiana from the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine and by requiring an in-person physical exam for the establishment of the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship.

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.

No revenue impact is anticipated resulting from the proposed rule 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.

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