

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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	Metairie		Upon promulgation

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)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is approximately \$750 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule changes update the language of existing regulations to reflect current processes and procedures. Specifically, additional revisions are being made to the rules governing temporary permits under LAC 46: LXVI.1129 – Fusion Technology Temporary Permits. These changes are being proposed in accordance with the authority granted by La. R.S. 37: Sections 3220, 1127, and 1129, which authorize the promulgation of rules relating to permits issued for specific purposes. These rules establish limitations on the types of radiologic activities that may be performed and define the scope of services that may be provided to patients under such permits. The proposed rule change will allow Nuclear Medicine Technologists to gain supervised experience required to become eligible for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board’s (NMTCB) Computed Tomography (CT) exam. The intent of this permit is to authorize technologists to perform computed tomography imaging only in conjunction with fusion equipment under licensed practitioner supervision. Permitted, as well as fusion licensed, individuals may not perform stand-alone CT exams as diagnostic CT technologists.

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

There is no estimated effect on 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 proposed rule changes by the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) are expected to yield economic benefits without imposing new costs. By updating regulatory language to reflect current procedures, the LSRTBE anticipates saving approximately \$4,000 annually in printing and postage, as license renewals notices will now be delivered electronically rather than mailed. Also, by recognizing the NMTCB CT exam for the Fusion Imaging Permit, job opportunities may expand modestly by allowing more qualified technologists, particularly those from states that already accept the NMTCB credential, to become licensed in Louisiana. While this reciprocity helps reduce barriers for professionals relocating across states, the expected increase in the labor pool is limited given the national shortage of technologists. The change primarily supports workforce mobility, making it easier for nuclear medicine technologists who hold NMTCB credentials but lack ARRT certification to qualify for the Fusion Permit. This may ease recruitment challenges, particularly for small healthcare providers, by reducing hiring costs and helping facilities retain qualified staff. Overall, the rule change is projected to produce modest cost savings for the Board, remove barriers to licensure, and improve flexibility in addressing staffing needs across the state.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Through the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) recognizing the NMTCB CT exam for the fusion permit, the proposed rule change aligns state policies with national standards and removes barriers for qualified technologists. While this reciprocity allows for modest expansion of the labor pool, it does not create a large influx of workers because there is a national shortage of technologists. The change primarily benefits Louisiana by making it easier for existing professionals, both in-state and out-of-state, to qualify and practice. This proposed rule change allows professional mobility, reduces staffing gaps, and provides facilities with more flexibility in meeting healthcare demands.

	
Signature of Head or Designee	Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee
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September 4, 2025	
Date of Signature	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 changes update the language of existing regulations to reflect current processes and procedures. In addition, revisions are being made to the rules governing temporary permits under LAC 46: LXVI.1129 – Fusion Technology Temporary Permits. These changes are being proposed in accordance with the authority granted by La. R.S. 37: Sections 3220, 1127, and 1129, which authorize the promulgation of rules relating to permits issued for specific purposes. These rules establish limitations on the types of radiologic activities that may be performed and define the scope of services that may be provided to patients under such permits. The proposed rule change will allow Nuclear Medicine Technologists to gain supervised experience required to become eligible for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board's (NMTCB) Computed Tomography (CT) exam. The intent of this permit is to authorize technologists to perform computed tomography imaging only in conjunction with fusion equipment under licensed practitioner supervision. Permitted, as well as fusion licensed, individuals may not perform stand-alone CT exams as diagnostic CT technologists.

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

Currently, the LSRTBE (Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners) does not recognize the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board's (NMTCB) Computed Tomography (CT) certification. As a result, licensed nuclear technologists who hold the NMTCB CT certification but not the ARRT CT credentials must apply for a permit and undergo supervised experience with a licensed technologist to acquire experience to become eligible to sit and take the ARRT CT exam. This requirement limits the number of qualified fusion technologists, which contributes to a shortage in the field. This proposed rule represents the least restrictive approach to regulating fusion imaging permits while preserving public safety and professional standards. The proposed rule aims to align the state's certification standards with national norms, allowing more qualified individuals to perform advanced imaging and help address the shortage of skilled technologists. This action is not required by federal regulation.

- 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) 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 Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners operates on self-generating revenue and does not receive state funds.

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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 26	FY 27	FY 28
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$750	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$750	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)
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.

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is approximately \$750 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule changes by the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) are expected to yield economic benefits without imposing new costs. By updating regulatory language to reflect current procedures, the LSRTBE anticipates saving approximately \$4,000 annually in printing and postage, as license renewals and notices will now be delivered electronically rather than mailed. Additionally, administrative workload is expected to increase due to the processing of new permit applications, including reviewing documents, updating forms, and managing applicant inquiries. However, the actual impact will depend on the number of technologists applying. While these changes may increase paperwork, the Board expects current staff to manage the added responsibilities without requiring additional resources at this time.

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

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
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

A. 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 Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners 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 changes are not anticipated to result in any 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 will not impact sources of funding of 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 26	FY 27	FY 28
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
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

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 are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

Currently there are only 29 licensed fusion technologists in Louisiana. However, by recognizing both the ARRT CT and NMTCB CT exams, the rule expands eligibility for licensure, potentially increasing the number of applicants over time. This broader eligibility and streamlined licensure process reduce barriers for qualified professionals, which may lead to an increase in license applications and associated fee revenue. The long-term revenue growth will depend on how many individuals pursue fusion permits and licenses under the new framework, ultimately contributing to a more stable and predictable revenue stream for the board.

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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.

Recognizing the NMTCB CT exam for the LSRTBE fusion permit would positively impact several groups. Louisiana-licensed nuclear medicine technologists holding NMTCB CT certification would become eligible for fusion licensing, enabling them to perform PET/CT or SPECT/CT procedures. This change could enhance their professional mobility and job opportunities. Out-of-state technologists with NMTCB CT certification would find it easier to obtain licensure in Louisiana, requiring them to submit standard application materials along with NMTCB credential verification and associated fees. Healthcare providers and small imaging businesses may benefit from a broader pool of qualified candidates, potentially reducing recruitment costs and improving staffing stability. The LSRTBE would incur minimal administrative costs to update application forms to accommodate NMTCB CT certification. Overall, the proposed change may lead to improved healthcare services through better staffing and enhanced diagnostic capabilities.

- 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 change will not have an effect on receipts or 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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