

change. The cost for the Office of Public Health is approximately \$905 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule updates and strengthens the regulatory framework for consumable hemp products, as required by Act 752 of the 2024 Regular Session. The rule amends definitions, creates new permitting requirements for in-state and out-of-state processors, and establishes registration procedures for individual hemp products. It also sets standards for labeling, packaging, serving sizes, and THC content, and requires testing and certificates of analysis to ensure safety and compliance. The rule repeals outdated provisions and adds new enforcement measures, including penalties and product registration revocations for noncompliance.

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

To the extent that enforcement of this rule results in civil penalties owed to the department under LAC 49:I.Chapter 5, Section 539, state revenue collections are expected to increase by a marginal amount. Additional revenues may also be generated from permit fees collected from out-of-state hemp processors newly eligible under the rule, as well as from product registration fees required for each consumable hemp product marketed in Louisiana. While the precise amount cannot be determined in advance, collections are anticipated to increase modestly based on the volume of out-of-state permit applications, product registrations, and penalties assessed for noncompliance.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that this proposed rule will significantly restrict the types of consumable hemp products that may be sold in Louisiana, which will reduce the variety of products available to consumers and negatively affect industry stakeholders. Manufacturers may incur costs to reformulate or repackage products to comply with new THC content, serving size, and labeling requirements. In addition, the rule restricts product registration to firms that hold a valid permit from the department, further limiting market participation. Businesses that fail to comply could face revocation of product registrations. While these changes may impose costs on affected firms, the rule is intended to improve consumer safety and ensure consistency in the regulation of hemp products.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Radiologic Technologists
(LAC 46:LXVI.301, 305, 1121, 1129, and 1201)

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 to include updates to the language of its existing rules to reflect

updated processes and procedures. Additionally, revisions to the rules governing temporary permits—LAC 46: LXVI.1129, Fusion Technology Temporary Permits, and 1201. Continuing Education Requirements—are being proposed. These changes are made pursuant to R.S. 37: §3220, §1127, and §1129, which authorize the promulgation of rules for permits issued for specific purposes. The proposed rules establish limitations on the types of radiologic activities that may be performed and the scope of services that may be provided to patients under such permits. The current rule only allows for a Nuclear Medicine Technologist to gain supervised experience to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Computed Tomography (CT) exam. 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 technologist supervision. Permitted, as well as licensed fusion technologists may not perform standalone CT exams as diagnostic CT technologists.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXVI. Radiologic Technologists

Chapter 3. The Board of Examiners

§301. Officers of the Board

A. - C.3. ...

4. The secretary-treasurer shall give notice of all meetings of the board. The secretary-treasurer shall attend all meetings of the board and shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. The secretary-treasurer shall, in coordination with the executive director, exercise supervision of all monies received by the board, including application fees, license fees, renewal fees, fines, penalties, and other payments. The secretary-treasurer shall, in coordination with the executive director, be responsible for the preparation of an annual budget of the board, which budget shall be subject to the approval of the board. The secretary-treasurer shall, with the chairman, sign all original licenses issued by the board. The secretary-treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board under whose supervision (s)he shall be.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3204 and R.S. 37:3207.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 11:868 (September 1985), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners LR 51:

§305. Meetings of the Board

A. ...

B. The chairman of the board shall have the authority to call other meetings of the board to carry out the business of the board, provided that written notice of such meetings be mailed or emailed to the last known address of all members of the board at least 15 days before such meeting.

C. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3205 and R.S. 37:3207.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 11:868 (September 1985), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 40:2262 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners LR 51:

Chapter 11. Licensure

§1121. Renewal of a License

A. Every person licensed by this board shall renew his/her license every two years upon application and payment of a renewal fee.

B. Notification for renewal of a license shall be emailed prior to expiration by the board to each person holding a license issued under these rules and regulations. Such notification shall be emailed to the most recent email address as reflected in the official records of the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3215 and R.S. 37:3207.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 11:874 (September 1985), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 40:2264 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners LR 51:

§1129. Fusion Technology Temporary Permit

A. The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant seeking to practice fusion technology for the purpose of obtaining the clinical experience requirements in order to qualify to sit for the required American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) Computed Tomography (CT) certification examination, provided that the applicant:

1. possess a current unrestricted license to practice nuclear medicine technology;
2. has submitted a board approved clinical training agreement to the board;
3. has completed four ARRT/Board approved CE credit hours in contrast media/drug administration;
4. satisfies the applicable fees prescribed in these rules and the Radiologic Technology Practice Act.

B. - C.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207(B)(2).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 38:98 (January 2012), amended LR 40:2264 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners LR 51:

Chapter 12. Continuing Education Requirements

§1201. Definitions

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Approved Continuing Education Activity—an educational activity which has received approval through a recognized continuing education evaluation/mechanism.

1. Other activities that meet the definition of an approved continuing education activity are the approved entry-level exams. Examples are:

- a. ARRT examination in radiography;

b. ARRT examination in Limited Scope of Radiography for Limited X-ray Machine Operator permits only

c. ARRT or NMTCB examination in nuclear medicine technology;

d. ARRT examination in radiation therapy technology;

e. MDCB examination in dosimetry;

f. ARDMS examination in diagnostic medical sonography; vascular technology or diagnostic cardiac sonography.

2. The advanced-level examinations considered acceptable continuing education activity are:

a. ARRT examination in cardiovascular-interventional technology;

b. ARRT examination in mammography;

c. ARRT or NMTCB examination in computed tomography;

d. ARRT examination in magnetic resonance imaging;

e. other ARRT examinations as developed and implemented.

3. ...

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207(B)(2).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 21:178 (February 1995), amended LR 23:71 (January 1997), LR 40:2264 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 42:2190 (December 2016), amended LR 51:801 (June 2025), 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 should not have any known or foreseeable impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy. In particular, the proposed Rule has no known or foreseeable impact on:

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

Poverty Impact Statement

It is anticipated that the proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B. In particular there is no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
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 cost 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 Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, at 3108 Cleary Avenue, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70002, or via email to execdirector@lsrtbe.org. Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on October 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 4 pm on October 10, 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 RULE TITLE: Radiologic Technologists

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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 OR NONGOVERNMENTAL 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.

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