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Subject: Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners
LAC 46: LXVI. Chapters 3, 11, and 12
Regarding Professional Language updates and Temporary Fusion Permit

The Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners has proposed amendments to **LAC 46: LXVI. Chapters 3, 11, and 12.**

To facilitate the Department of Justice's review of the proposed rule The 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?

LAC 46: LXVI. Chapter 3- The Board of Examiners

§301. Officers of the Board

Changes the professional language for the secretary-treasurer in coordination with the executive director to perform duties that may be prescribed by the board under supervision (s)he shall be.

§305. Meetings of the Board

Updates the method of notification in that notifications of other board meetings so that notification can be emailed.

LAC 46: LXVI. Chapter 11- Licensure

§1121. Renewal of a License

Updates relevant professional language and the method of licensure renewal notification in that notifications can be emailed.

§1129. Fusion Technology Temporary Permit

Proposed changes allow for acceptance of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) Computed Tomography (CT) examination in addition to the currently accepted American Registry of Radiologic Technology's (ARRT) Computed Tomography (CT) examination in order for one to gain supervised experience to achieve CT credentials.

LAC 46: LXVI. Chapter 12- Continuing Education Requirements

§1201. Definitions

Proposed changes add relevant professional language to include the NMTCB CT examination.

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. It will be clarified that CT credentialed individuals will be authorized to perform standalone CT exams, pending facility preference.

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.

The LSRTBE was created in 1984 as the sole governing regulatory body for any professional that administers ionizing radiation to patients in the State of Louisiana.

Louisiana Law, La. R.S. 37: 3220, authorizes the LSRTBE to issue temporary or limited purpose permits authorizing the practice of radiologic technology.

§3220. Temporary or limited purpose permits

A. The board may:

(1) Issue temporary permits authorizing the practice of radiologic or fusion technology for a designated period of time.

(2) Issue permits for specific purposes with restrictions as to the type of radiologic or fusion technology activities that may be engaged in.

(3) Issue permits to radiologic technologists participating in educational and training programs which include the administration of radiologic or fusion technology services to patients.

B. The board may adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, which establishes the necessary qualifications, requirements, and formalities for the issuance of such permits as are necessary for the adequate protection of the health and welfare of the citizens of this state.

3. Check all of the following that apply as reasons the occupational regulation is subject to review:

- ☐ Creates a barrier to market competition
- ☐ 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)

The LSRTBE 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 La. R.S. 37: §3220, §1127, and §1129, which authorize the promulgation of rules for permits issued for specific purposes.

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?

It is with the concern of the health, safety, and welfare of Louisiana patients who require imaging that the LSRTBE has proposed a rule change for. There is a need for more fusion imaging technologists in the state, and by the LSRTBE accepting the Nuclear Medicine Technology Board's Computed Tomography (CT) examination in addition to its already accepted American Registry of Radiology Technology's (ARRT) Computed Tomography (CT) exam, it would allow two pathways for opportunity of technologists who do not possess a radiography background to obtain a fusion license. Since these individuals will be administering ionizing radiation, the LSRTBE needs to ensure that such individuals are properly trained, educated, and credentialed to competently image patients in the State of Louisiana.

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 no less restrictive alternatives. The LSRTBE is the only regulatory board that licenses individuals as fusion technologists.

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 LSRTBE performed a rule review and agreed upon the proposed changes. The Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement (FEIS) was submitted and approved. A Notice of Intent was sent to the *Louisiana Register* in conjunction with the necessary components to the Oversight committees. The proposed rule changes were published in the September 20, 2025, *Louisiana Register*. Public comments were accepted from September 21, 2025, through October 10, 2025. The Board received fourteen (14) public comments, but received no requests for a public hearing, thus a public hearing was not conducted.

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

The occupational regulation does not relate to a matter on which there is pending litigation or a final court order.

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)
Desire Bell (yes, Licensed Radiologic Technologist)
Jessica Soileau-Canning (no, Consumer Member)

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

The proposed rule will modernize internal processes by allowing email rather than mail notifications for additional board meetings as well as licensure renewal reminders. 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.