

applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on poverty.

**Small Business Analysis**

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered and it is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

**Provider Impact Statement**

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 107) of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have a positive impact on providers. However, the particular proposed Rule does not impact or affect the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments or requests for public hearing on this proposed rule to Kim Callaway, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, Office of Motor Vehicles, at 7979 Independence Boulevard, Suite 301, 70806, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70896, (225) 925-4089 (phone); (225) 925-6303 (facsimilie). Comments will be accepted through close of business May 10, 2017.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on May 26, 2017, at 10 a.m. at 7979 Independence Boulevard, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70806. If the requisites to hold a hearing are not met, the hearing will be cancelled. Please call and confirm that the hearing will be conducted.

Karen G. St. Germain  
Commissioner

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

The proposed rules will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units. All fee revenues associated with download and installation of the digital driver’s license application will accrue to Envoc.

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

The proposed rules create a cost of \$6 for persons who choose to obtain an optional digitized driver’s license. The total cost paid by persons who desire a digital driver’s license is dependent upon the number of motorists who choose to download the application. Because the number of motorists who may download the application is unknown, the total cost to consumers is indeterminable. Motorists must pay a \$6 fee to re-install the application upon renewal of a driver’s license every 4–6 years.

Furthermore, the proposed rules create a revenue stream for Envoc, as all fee revenues resulting from downloads of the digital driver’s license application will accrue to the firm. The fee revenues will offset any development costs for the application and instructional materials for law enforcement regarding the application’s functionality and uses. The amount of fee revenues Envoc will realize is indeterminable, as the number of persons who will download the digital driver’s license is unknown.

For reference, there are 2,976,761 licensed drivers in Louisiana (all classes) as of March 1, 2017. For illustrative purposes, assuming 10% of licensed drivers statewide (297,767) download the application for a digital license, it would result in a total cost of approximately \$1.78 M (297,767 drivers \* \$6 per application download). Envoc would realize gross revenues of \$1.78 M that would be offset by the aforementioned development expenditures.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

The proposed rules will not affect competition and employment.

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

**RULE TITLE: Digitized Driver’s License**

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

The proposed rules are not anticipated to result in costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The proposed rules allow for the Office of Motor Vehicles to supply a digital driver’s license to drivers statewide pursuant to Act 625 of the 2016 Regular Session. The digital license is optional and will consist of an application that motorists can download and install on mobile devices. OMV has amended an existing contract with a firm (Envoc) to develop the application with no costs borne by the office, as persons downloading the application must pay a \$6 fee (see Part III) that Envoc will collect directly prior to download and installation. Furthermore, persons downloading the application must acknowledge and agree to Terms of Use prior to installing the application.

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Transportation and Development  
Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board**

Professional Engineer Licensure and  
Acceptable Engineering Graduate Degrees  
(LAC 46:LXI.903, 1105, and 1901)

Under the authority of the Louisiana professional engineering and land surveying licensure law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., and in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has initiated procedures to amend its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.903, 1105, and 1901.

This is a technical revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision removes the expired provisions relating to applicants for licensure as a

professional engineer in naval architecture/marine engineering and clarifies the requirements for acceptable engineering graduate degrees.

#### **Title 46**

### **PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS**

#### **Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors** **Chapter 9. Requirements for Certification and Licensure of Individuals and Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering or Land Surveying**

##### **§903. Professional Engineer Licensure**

A. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. ...

2. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be an individual who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of the licensure law, and which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure law in effect in Louisiana at the time such license was issued, who is of good character and reputation, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he/she is licensed will accept the licenses issued by the board on a comity basis, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board.

B. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688 and 37:3651.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:352 (November 1976), amended LR 5:114 (May 1979), LR 5:365 (November 1979), LR 6:735 (December 1980), LR 7:644 (December 1981), LR 10:804 (October 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), LR 19:56 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1028 (July 2001), LR 30:1712 (August 2004), LR 32:1619 (September 2006), LR 37:2412 (August 2011), LR 38:2564 (October 2012), LR 39:1060 (April 2013), LR 39:2801 (October 2013), LR 43:538 (March 2017), LR 43:

#### **Chapter 11. Curricula**

##### **§1105. Acceptable Engineering Graduate Degrees**

A. Acceptable engineering graduate degrees are those in an engineering discipline or sub-discipline from a university having an undergraduate accredited engineering curriculum in the same discipline or sub-discipline and which require the removal of deficiencies in science, mathematics, engineering sciences and engineering design as a prerequisite to the graduate courses; or are those found by the board to be equivalent to such degrees. The successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credit hours of

coursework in engineering sciences and engineering design is required in order to remove deficiencies in engineering sciences and engineering design.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:113 (May 1979), amended 7:647 (December 1981), LR 10:805 (October 1984), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1029 (July 2001), LR 30:1713 (August 2004), LR 43:

#### **Chapter 19. Disciplines of Engineering**

##### **§1901. Disciplines**

A. ...

B. Each individual licensed under R.S. 37:693(B)(5) shall be listed by the board as a professional engineer in the discipline of naval architecture/marine engineering.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:118 (May 1979), amended LR 5:365 (November 1979), LR 7:646 (December 1981), LR 11:362 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1033 (July 2001), LR 30:1718 (August 2004), LR 39:1061 (April 2013), LR 43:

##### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(viii) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy.

##### **Poverty Impact Statement**

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(ix) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development.

##### **Provider Impact Statement**

In accordance with HCR No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

##### **Public Comments**

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule through May 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., to Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 121, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1433.

Donna D. Sentell  
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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: Professional Engineer Licensure and  
Acceptable Engineering Graduate Degrees**

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

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule change removes the expired provisions relating to applicants for licensure as a professional engineer in naval architecture/marine engineering. The proposed rule change also clarifies the requirements for acceptable engineering graduate degrees.

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

There will be no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this proposed rule change.

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

The proposed rule change will have no impact on costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT  
(Summary)**

There is no estimated impact on competition and employment in the public and private sectors as a result of the proposed rule change.

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