

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY  
NRS 233B.0608**

**LCB File No. R051-24**

**1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

The existing law authorizes the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations: (1) relating to the registration and control of the dispensing of controlled substances within this State; and (2) governing the dispensing of poisons, drugs, chemicals and medicines (NRS 453.221, 639.070). The existing law authorizes a certified registered nurse anesthetist working under the supervision of a physician order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices to treat a patient under the care of physician in a critical access hospital before, during and after surgery or childbirth. (Section 2.6 of Senate Bill No. 336, chapter 229, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 1444).

The Board, through its executive staff and legal counsel, have carefully examined the proposed amendment and have determined that it is not likely to (1) “impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business,” or (2) “[d]irectly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of small businesses.”

The Board solicited comment on the proposed amendment by (1) posting notice, with links to the full text of the proposed amendment, to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices webpage, (2) posting a copy of the full text of the proposed changes to the Board’s website as part of the Board Hearing materials, (3) posting notice to the Nevada Public Notice website, operated by the Department of Administration, with a link back to a full text of the proposed amendment on the Board’s website, and (4) posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations per NRS Chapter 233B.

The Board also solicited comments from Nevada dispensing practitioners, and from representatives of relevant industry associations that Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board also provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment.

The Board received no public response.

**2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted.**

Board Staff analyzed the regulation to determine whether it could perceive a direct and significant economic burden on pharmacies, which are the businesses most likely to be affected by the regulation. It also analyzed whether the proposed regulation would restrict the formation, operation or expansion of such small businesses. Board Staff solicited public and industry comment as described in Question #1 above to inform its analysis but received none.

**3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:**

**(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**

There should be no adverse economic impact from this regulation amendment on the regulated entities or on the public. The regulation amendment will have a beneficial effect on the regulated entities and on the public as registering certified registered nurse anesthetist to provide certain services will increase access to patient care.

**(b) Both direct and indirect effects.**

Both the direct and indirect economic effects on regulated entities and on the public will be beneficial as registering a certified registered nurse anesthetist to provide certain services will increase access to patient care.

**4. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.**

The Board anticipates no significant adverse economic impact from R051-24 on legitimate Nevada businesses, so no alternative methods of regulation are deemed necessary.

**5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

The cost to the Board for enforcement of the proposed regulation cannot be determined at this time since it will be dependent upon the number of applicants for registration/licensure.

**6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

The regulation amendment will require the certified registered nurse anesthetist to pay a fee for the registration and renewal of the registration biennially. The revenue generated from the fees will partially offset the costs of enforcement of this regulation incurred by the Board of Pharmacy.

**7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.**

The regulation does not include provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity.

**8. The reasons for the conclusion of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.**

In its analysis of the regulation, the Board did not perceive, and found no evidence of, a direct and significant economic burden on small businesses. It also found no evidence that the

proposed regulation would restrict the formation, operation or expansion of such small businesses. Board Staff solicited public and industry comment as described in Question #1 above to inform its analysis and received none.

**9. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the regulation on small business and the reasons for the agency’s conclusions.**

The Board, through its executive staff and legal counsel, carefully examined the regulation and determined that it is not likely to (1) “impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business,” or (2) “[d]irectly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of small businesses.”

In reaching that conclusion, the Board solicited comment on the regulation by (1) posting notice, with a link to the full text of the proposed amendment, to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices webpage, (2) posting a copy of the full text of the proposed changes to the Board’s website as part of the Board Hearing materials, (3) posting notice to the Nevada Public Notice website, operated by the Department of Administration, with a link back to a full text of the proposed amendment on the Board’s website, and (4) posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations per NRS Chapter 233B.

In its analysis of the regulation, the Board did not perceive, and found no evidence of, a direct and significant economic burden on small business. It also found no evidence that the proposed regulation would restrict the formation, operation or expansion of such small businesses. Absent any evidence, the Board concluded that no such impacts are likely to exist.

*I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of this proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in the statement was prepared properly and is accurate.*



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