

Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board Small Business Impact Statement

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Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses (*§536.300 RSMo examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique*).

The proposed amendment reduces fees associated with licensure to prevent funds being swept to general revenue as outlined in section 324.074 RSMo. The proposed amendment reduces the fees associated with licensure.

The current rule sets the biennial license renewal fee for occupational therapists at \$35, occupational therapist assistants at \$10 and inactive status for occupational therapists \$18 and inactive status for occupational therapy assistants at \$15. The proposed rule change will lower those fees one-time to \$5.00 from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The amendment will also change the renewal fee for occupational therapists to be consistent with the application fee from \$35 to \$30.

The current rule sets the application fees for occupational therapists at \$45 and occupational therapist assistants at \$20. The proposed rule change will lower those fees to \$30 for occupational therapists and \$10 for occupational therapist assistants.

Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.

The proposed amendment was discussed at the February 5, 2016 open board meeting.

After the proposed rule amendment is filed with the Secretary of State's Office, a public notice for this rulemaking will be published in the Missouri Register and posted on the board's website. Any comments received prior to the close of the public comment period will be considered and addressed prior to filing the final order of rulemaking.

Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.

The amended language regarding a renewal fee decrease of a biennial renewal will pose a cost savings to licensees or their employers. It also results in a corresponding decrease to the board's fund.

The proposed amendment will result in an annual cost savings of \$5,875 due to reduced application fees. The one-time reduced renewal fee will save licensees \$94,695 and finally the \$5 reduction in occupational therapist renewal fee will save licensees \$16,400 biennially starting in FY19. A fiscal note has been filed in accordance with sections 536.200 and 536.205, RSMo.

Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.

Therapists will benefit from the proposed amendment.

Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.

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Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

Therapists and therapist assistants will benefit from the reduced fees.

Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?

Yes ___ No x

If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.

For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.