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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY NRS 223B.0608

LCB File No. R005-25I

July 28, 2025 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 555

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 NDA launched a digital survey to assess the impact of the proposed regulation changes to NAC 555 on July 8, 2025 and closed it on July 23, 2025. The survey was posted to NDA's website and social media accounts and was distributed to an e-mail list comprised of 8,671 contacts including pest control businesses, pesticide dealerships and registrants within the State of Nevada. 4,190 opened the email (52.2%); 906 clicks on the links in the email: 430 on R005-25I changes, 160 on the R005-25I survey; 59 email contacts responded to the survey. Social media outreach resulted in 1422 impressions, 15 engagements, and 6 clicks on to the linked survey.

Summary of Survey Responses:

- If enacted would the proposed changes to NAC 555 impact your ability to do business?
 - Yes: 2 respondents (9%)
 - o No: 17 respondents (74%)
 - O Unknown: 4 respondents (17%)
- How would changes to NAC 555 impact your ability to do business?
 - o 3 respondents: "NA"
 - o 10 respondents stated it would not cause an impact
 - "Would have no impact to Veterinary Medical Services"
 - "It would make things more simple as long as we can use multiple forms of electronic signatures. Depending on the improved method, it could add cost to the procedure."
 - "We sold the last steer two years ago."
 - "Very little, part of my business is inspections, but I've done only several in the past year."
 - "It would improve it"
 - o "I feel it would benefit my business."
 - o "This bill would make it easier to continue servicing our customers when we lose an employee which in turn, would benefit us financially"
 - o "I am not involved in this industry."
 - o "It would allow us to hire more techs"

- o "This would remove the gray area on if we can have customers and/or technicians sign electronically for pest reports."
- Please estimate the total annual impact that proposed changes to NAC 555 will have on your business?
 - o \$0: 20 respondents (87%)
 - o \$100-\$1,000: 2 respondents (9%)
 - o \$1,001-\$10,000: 1 respondent (4%)
- What level of negative impact will the proposed changes to NAC 555 have on your business?
 - o No impact: 19 (83%)
 - o Insignificant impact: 2 (9%)
 - o Minor impact: 1 (4%)
 - o Severe impact: 1 (4%)
- Would you need to make operational changes to your business because of the financial impact of proposed change to NAC 555?
 - o 6 respondents stated "no" or "none"
 - o "Don't know"
 - o "NA"
 - o "As long as the approved methods are common used systems, it should be a minimal investment"
 - o "Yes. We would Hire more technicians and test them in the field."
- "How could these section(s) be adjusted to mitigate their level of negative financial impact?"
 - o "No Impact"
 - o "NA"
 - o "No opinion"
 - o "Not specify what type of electronic signature so we can use whatever app we would like."
- Please feel free to provide any feedback your would like us to consider in relation to the proposed changes to NAC 555?
 - o "Would be great to make the entire process digital, including the forms from NDA"
 - o "We are in favor of this change"

A complete summary can be obtained by contacting the NDA at (775) 353-3670 or d.reece@agri.nv.gov.

2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted.

A statistical analysis of the survey results was conducted. Most respondents indicated that the proposed changes would have no impact on their business.

3. The estimated indirect and direct economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses it is to regulate, including, without limitation.

Eighty-seven percent of respondents estimated an impact of \$0 to their business and 83% of respondents indicated the proposed regulation will have no negative impact on their business.

The NDA estimates that the proposed regulation will have no direct or indirect economic effect on small businesses.

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 NDA does not anticipate any impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

- 5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.
 - The proposed regulation is intended to assist the department in modernizing the reporting of wood destroying pest inspection forms. Physical wood-destroying pest inspection report forms are currently provided by the NDA to industry free of charge pursuant to current regulations. The NDA anticipates the modernization of providing a digital platform to industry to complete and submit wood-destroying pest inspection reports will benefit the industry as well as the department. Current regulation requires the use of digital signatures for electronically submitted reports, by updating the type of signature required the department will be able to utilize existing technologies and department resources to modernize the process.
- 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. This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.
- 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 proposed regulation does not duplicate federal, state, or local standards.

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

The NDA concludes that the proposed regulation will have no impact on small businesses because it amends existing regulation which govern requirements for processes administered by the NDA at no cost to small businesses. The proposed regulation is intended to reduce costs to the NDA while administering these processes.

I certify 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 this statement was prepared properly and is accurate. NRS 233B.0609(2).



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