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

The Small Business Impact Statement required by NRS 233B.0608 is submitted as of September 12, 2023 for the regulations proposed by the Nevada State Board of Accountancy as LCB File No. R034-23:

1. *A description of the manner in which comment is solicited from affected small businesses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the regulation.*

(a) Copies of the proposed regulation and notice of workshop and public hearing to solicit comments on the proposed regulation have been sent to all licensees, including firms and individuals, of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy. In addition, copies of the proposed regulation and notice of workshop and public hearing will be sent by email to persons known to have an interest in the Nevada State Board of Accountancy regulations as well as any persons who specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy, [www.nvaccountancy.com](http://www.nvaccountancy.com), and posted at the following location: [www.notice.nv.gov](http://www.notice.nv.gov).

A copy of the regulations to be adopted, amended, and repealed will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be adopted, amended, and repealed will be available at the Board office and in all counties in which an office of the Board is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. The text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>.

(b) A workshop will be held on September 20, 2023 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the regular Nevada State Board of Accountancy ("Board") meeting to obtain comments in connection with the proposed regulation changes. A public hearing will be held on November 8, 2023 in Reno to solicit additional comments regarding the proposed regulation changes in conjunction with the regular Board meeting. A separate notice of hearing will be sent to all licensees, and persons known to have an interest in the regulations of the Board prior to the November 8, 2023 meeting.

(c) All interested parties may obtain a summary of public response after the workshop or hearing by written or verbal request to: Nevada State Board of Accountancy, 1325 Airmotive Way, Suite 220, Reno, Nevada 89502 or [cpa@nvaccountancy.com](mailto:cpa@nvaccountancy.com).

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

The Executive Director considered the proposed regulation changes to adopt amendments to the definition of practice privilege to include firms, changes to the examination conditional credit timeline, experience required for certificate of certified public accountant licensure, waiver of examination application fees for military, spouses of military and veterans, removal of references to public accountants to firm affiliations, add additional information to the required documents for practice monitoring, various clean up to language in connection with the practice monitoring administration, as well as other clean up provisions of the Board's administrative regulations and for the repeal of certain provisions of the Board's administrative regulations which are not necessary. Some of these regulation changes result from Senate Bill 437 ("SB 437") adopted by the Nevada Legislature effective July 1, 2023, and Governor Lombardo's Executive Order 2023-008 issued June 30, 2023.

At this time, comments are specifically solicited from affected businesses and licensees by providing a copy of the proposed regulation and notice of workshop and public hearing to each licensee and registered firm of the Board. The proposed regulations were also made available on the Board's website, sent to county libraries and posted at the state notice website.

Based upon all these considerations, the Executive Director determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

**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:***

There are no known adverse economic effects of the proposed regulations on the accounting profession and the public. The beneficial effects are that the work experience required for licensure corresponds to the work experience described in the Uniform Accountancy Act adopted by numerous other states which will facilitate reciprocity and SB 437. In addition, the beneficial effects of the proposed regulations are to modify the examination conditional credit timeline giving candidates more time to pass the examination; waiving fees for the examination for military, veterans and their spouses; and modifying language in connection with the Board's practice monitoring program to ensure firms' compliance with the standards for certain engagements; and other administrative changes the Board deems reasonably necessary and expedient for the orderly conduct of its affairs and for the administration of NRS Chapter 628. In addition, certain regulation provisions deemed not necessary for the Board's orderly conduct of its affairs and for the administration of NRS Chapter 628 are proposed to be repealed in accordance with Executive Order 2023-008 issued June 30, 2023.

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

This regulation should not have a direct or indirect effect or significant economic impact on small businesses that provide public accounting services. As set forth above, there are no known adverse direct or indirect effects of the proposed regulation on the accounting profession and the public. The proposed changes are deemed reasonably necessary and expedient by the Board for the orderly conduct of its affairs and for the administration of NRS Chapter 628.

**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.**

In formulating the proposed regulation, the Board and its staff considered the economic effect of the proposed changes on all licensees, including small businesses and individuals.

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

Enforcement of the regulation will be performed by the Board in the normal conduct of its affairs. There should not be any additional costs associated with enforcement of the proposed regulation.

**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 does not provide for any new or increased fees. The Board is waiving fees for the examination for military, veterans and their spouses.

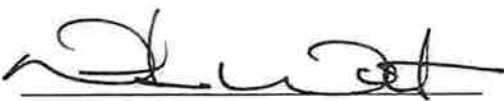
**7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.**

The regulation does not include provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than any federal, state or local regulations or standards.

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

The Executive Director has determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. As set forth above, in making this determination, the Executive Director considered the fact there are no additional requirements for licensure or registration or to maintain licensure or registration impacting any private or small business as a result of this proposed regulation. There are no additional requirements or fees on any small business as a result of this proposed regulation.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief that a concerted effort was made to determine the impact on small business and, the information contained in the Small Business Impact Statement for the Board's proposed regulations as of September 12, 2023 was prepared properly and is accurate.



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