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Small Business Impact Statement for Proposed Regulations Contained in LCB File No. R046-26

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION:
Upon filing with the Nevada Secretary of State

1. Background:

The proposed regulations implement AB319 from the 2025 Legislative Session with regard to physician licensure by endorsement and to update regulations related to licensing and continuing education for physicians, resident physicians, physician assistants, anesthesiologist assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists, and genetic counselors for consistency. The proposed regulations also prohibit physicians and physician assistants from requiring patients to waive their rights to file a civil lawsuit as a condition of receiving medical care.

2. Description of Solicitation:

The Board solicited any potentially impacted businesses by reaching out to various business chambers and associations. Copies of LCB File No. R046-26, as drafted by the Legislative Counsel Bureau, were sent to the following organizations on Wednesday, April 15, 2026:

- Better Business Bureau of Northern Nevada, Inc.
- Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada, Inc.
- Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association
- City of Winnemucca
- Clark County Medical Society
- Ely Rural Nevada Development Corporation
- Great Basin College – Elko
- Great Basin College – Winnemucca
- Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce
- Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
- Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce

- Nevada State Medical Association
- Pahrump Small Business Development Center
- Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce
- Washoe County Medical Society

Copies of LCB File No. R046-26, as drafted by the Legislative Counsel Bureau, workshop notice, the Board's preliminary Small Business Impact Statement were sent by U.S. mail and emailed to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject of medical regulation, as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available on the website of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, available at http://medboard.nv.gov/About/Proposed_Regulations/, the website of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, available at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>.

3. Does the Proposed Regulation Impose a Direct and Significant Economic Burden Upon a Small Business or Directly Restrict the Formation, Operation, or Expansion of a Small Business? (NRS 233B.0608(1))

No, the proposed regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business. These proposed regulations fully implement legislative changes enacted in 2025 and update and clarify licensing, continuing education requirements for licensees, both of which may yield a positive impact on small businesses.

4. How Was That Conclusion Reached?

This conclusion was reached by reviewing the proposed regulation draft and existing provisions in Nevada law, as well as the comments received by stakeholders, potential license applicants, and members of the public at the Board's regulation workshops, public hearing, and adoption meeting or via written comment.

I, Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small business, and that the information contained in the statement above is accurate. (NRS 233B.0608(3))

Dated: July 21, 2026

Signature: _____



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