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## **Small Business Impact Statement for Proposed Regulations Contained in LCB File No. R055-25**

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION:**

Upon filing with the Nevada Secretary of State

#### **1. Background:**

The proposed regulations are necessary to implement SB189 from the Legislative Session with regard to the regulation and licensure of genetic counselors in the State of Nevada.

#### **2. Description of Solicitation:**

The Board solicited any potentially impacted businesses by reaching out to various business chambers and associations. Copies of the Board's proposed regulation draft and preliminary Small Business Impact Statement were sent to the following organizations on Friday, September 26, 2025:

- 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 the Board's regulation draft, 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/](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/>.

Copies of the Board's Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation, the proposed regulation draft, and 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/](http://medboard.nv.gov/About/Proposed_Regulations/), and the website of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, available at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>.

In the Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation, the public was notified that a copy of the proposed regulation was on file at the Nevada State Library, 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, Nevada; available at the offices of the Board located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada and 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada; 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 <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>, as well as posted at the following locations:

**Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners - Las Vegas, NV**

**Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners - Reno, NV**

**Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Website - <https://medboard.nv.gov/>**

**State Library, Archives and Public Records - Carson City, NV**

No public comment was received at the regulation workshops, public hearing, or Board meeting on January 29, 2026, wherein the Board adopted the regulations, indicating that the Board's proposed regulations would have a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business. At the regulation workshops held on October 28, 2025, and November 17, 2025, and the public hearing held on January 16, 2026, stakeholders, potential license applicants, and members of the public were invited to attend, ask questions about the regulations, and provide public comment regarding the regulations. Multiple individuals attended those meetings, and all of the comments that they provided were in support of the Board's proposed regulations, asked questions about provisions contained in the Board's proposed regulations, and suggested potential changes to the Board's proposed regulations for clarity or to better reflect what might work best in the practice setting or better assist new licensees. No written public comment was received prior to the regulation workshop, public hearing, or adoption meeting indicating that the Board's proposed regulations would have a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business. All of the public comments received at the regulation workshops and public hearing, as well as the written comments received throughout the process, were in favor of the regulations or contained questions about the regulations that were later answered. No public comment was received at the January 29, 2026 Board meeting.

**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 allow genetic counselors to receive licensure in Nevada which may be a benefit to 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, 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: January 30, 2026

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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