

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
(LCB File No. R0136 -13)**

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608, the Secretary of State is required to determine whether a proposed regulation is likely to: (a) Impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business; or (b) Directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

The proposed regulation applies to NRS Title 19 which is being amended to include the addition of a new chapter NRS 240A requiring that any person engaged in the business of providing assistance in a legal matter for compensation to another without the assistance of an attorney be registered with the Office of the Secretary of State, comply with certain provisions and be subject to penalties for any violation of the law. These businesses are known as document preparation services. The law requires the Secretary of State to prescribe by regulation the form that will be required for registration and the regulation specifically lists the information to be provided by a registrant in order to determine to determine a person's qualifications for registration or renewal pursuant to the law. Furthermore, the law requires that the Secretary of State prescribe the form for any advertisement of a document preparation service and these regulations specifically.

Method of Analysis: The regulation text was compared to the text of the statute to determine if it imposed any requirement beyond those required by statutes. Additionally, the draft regulations have been circulated to interested parties for input.

Reason for Determination: These regulations as drafted do not create any new requirements of registrants other than those prescribed in law. The statutory requirements may impose a cost impact on small businesses but since the regulation is limited to carrying out the statutory requirements of the registration process as well as further defining the notice posting requirements, the content of these regulations will have no greater impact on small business above what the new law's impact will be for those who engage in the business as a document preparation service. The regulation does not require any fee to file a registration, amendment or renewal application. The regulations establish procedural or operational implications but the regulations do not impose a significant economic burden on the businesses which perform document preparation services nor do the regulations restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a document preparation service.

I hereby certify that 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 the statement is accurate.

Signed: 
Chief Deputy Secretary of State

Date: December 9, 2013