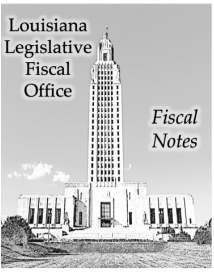


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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 949** HLS 26RS 1210
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
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 Proposed Amd.:
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HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS RE INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Proposed law adds the definitions of "limited purpose permit," "radiologist assistant," and "radiation safety officer." Proposed law requires the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners to issue and renew temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure or permit as nuclear technologists, radiation therapist technologists, fusion technologists, limited purpose permit holders, and radiologist assistants. Proposed law authorizes the board to charge and collect certain fees. Proposed law allows the board to perform certain tasks such as establish a code of ethics for license or limited purpose permit holders and continuing education requirements for renewal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
 Proposed law is anticipated to increase the administrative workload for the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) associated with the new licensure category and expanded licensing authority; however, the board anticipates any additional workload can be absorbed using existing staff and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
 The LSRTBE anticipates an indeterminable revenue increase in self-generated revenue due to proposed legislation creating a new licensure category for radiologist assistants and including additional imaging professionals to be eligible for licensure, permits, and renewals. The board anticipates an increase in fee-based revenue as proposed legislation expands the list of licensure and permitting fees and clarifies the board's authority to collect them.

Present law requires LSRTBE to recognize four primary licensure categories for radiologic imaging professionals: 1) radiographer, 2) radiation therapist, 3) nuclear medicine technologist, and 4) fusion technologist - advanced. The LSRTBE collects application, initial licensure, renewal, and possibly permit or certification fees from each of these professionals.

Proposed law requires LSRTBE to create a fifth licensure category for radiologist assistants, establishing a new mid-level provider classification within the state. LSRTBE anticipates the introduction of the new category to further increase the number of licensees. The board anticipates the additional licensure category will attract and retain professionals in the growing health care sector. As a result, the board expects additional fee-based revenue associated with new applications and renewals; however, the exact fiscal impact is indeterminable.

For informational purposes, LSRTBE reports that it processes approximately 3,300 radiologic technologist license renewals annually. In FY 25, there were 512 initial licensure applicants and 3,272 license renewals.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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