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VIA email

The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez,
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The Honorable Senator Sharon Hewitt,
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The Honorable Clay Schexnayder
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The Honorable Representative John M.
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Re: Promulgation of Amended Rules Regarding Food and Drink

Dear President Cortez, Speaker Schexnayder, Senator Hewitt and Representative Stefanski:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968 (B) and (C), the Louisiana Board of Ethics is submitting a copy of the Notice of Intent and approved Fiscal Statement for the proposed amended regulations to the Rules for the Board of Ethics concerning the food and drink limit. The deadline to submit comments or request a public hearing for the proposed rules is May 10, 2022.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristy Gary".

Kristy Gary
Deputy Ethics Administrator

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Civil Service Board of Ethics

Food and Drink Limit (LAC 52:I.Chapter 17)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Civil Service, Louisiana Board of Ethics, has initiated rulemaking procedures to make amendments to the Rules for the Board of Ethics to bring the rules into compliance with current statutory provisions and Section 1115.1C of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Title 52. ETHICS

Part 1. Board of Ethics

Chapter 17. Code of Governmental Ethics

§1703. Food and Drink Limit

A. In accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1(C), beginning on July 1, 2022, the limit for food, drink or refreshments provided in R.S. 42:1115.1A and B is \$70.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 36:304 (February 2010), amended LR 36:1466 (July 2010), LR 38:1951 (August 2012), LR 39:3062 (November 2013) LR 40:1678 (September 2014), LR 41:1262 (July 2015), LR 44:1237 (July 2018).

Family Impact Statement

The proposed rule changes have no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on poverty, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as

defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Small Business Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:956.6

Public Comments

Interested persons may direct their comments to Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on May 10, 2022.

Kathleen M. Allen
Ethics Administrator

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Food and Drink Limit

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The estimated cost to implement the proposed rule change is \$320 in FY 21-22, which accounts for the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the rule in the State Register. The proposed rule will create no other estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The proposed rule provides for raising the monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink by a public employee and public servant from sixty-five (\$65) dollars to seventy (\$70) dollars pursuant to Section 1115.1C of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed action will affect all public employees and public servants by setting a standard monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

(Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

Kristy Gary
Deputy Ethics Administrator

Evan Brasseaux
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