May 12, 2022

The Honorable Representative John Stefanski
Chairman, House and Governmental Affairs
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P. O. Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Promulgation of Amended Rules Regarding Food and Drink Limit (LAC 52: I. Chapter 17, Louisiana Register, Volume 48, No. 4, April 20, 2022, Page 1114)

Dear Representative Stefanski:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana Board of Ethics reports that no public hearing has been or will be held as to the proposed amended regulations concerning the limit for food, drink or refreshments provided in R.S. 42:1115.1A and B. The deadline to submit comments or request a public hearing for the proposed rules was May 10, 2022. No one submitted comments or requested a public hearing; therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

If you would like to schedule a hearing before the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee to consider these suggested rules, please contact Kristy Gary, Deputy Ethics Administrator or myself to provide such assistance as is necessary under these circumstances. Upon receiving a favorable recommendation, the Louisiana Board of Ethics anticipates the final rule will be published on July 20, 2022 and the effective date of the proposed rules will be July 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Kathleen M. Allen
For the Board

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Civil Service
Board of Ethics

Food and Drink Limit (LAC 52:1.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, 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.


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.

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

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.

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

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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 NONGOVERNMENTAL 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.

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