

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE JAMES J. DONELON COMMISSIONER

#### September 14, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez President, Louisiana State Senate P.O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.senatepresident@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Clay Schexnayder Speaker, Louisiana House of Representatives P.O. Box 94062 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.housespeaker@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Kirk Talbot Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee P.O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.s-ins@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Mike Huval Chairman of the House Insurance Committee P.O. Box 94062 Baton Rouge, L A 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.h-ins@legis.la.gov

RE: Summary Report of Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral

Dear President Cortez, Speaker Schexnayder, Senator Talbot, and Representative Huval:

The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) hereby submits the following summary report required by La. R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b) and announces its intention to proceed to finalize Regulation 123, which was published as a Notice of Intent in the August 2022 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons were invited to submit comments to the LDI regarding the proposed regulation. In response, the LDI received several emails; however, none of the correspondence items contained any comments, questions, or concerns of a substantive nature. LDI has responded accordingly to all comments received in response to the Notice of Intent to promulgate Regulation 123. Copies of the incoming comments are enclosed, and LDI's responses to same are summarized below for your review.

**COMMENT 1:** By email dated August 21, 2022, Thomas Williams requested to be unsubscribed from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Williams' request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 2:** By email dated August 22, 2022, Chase Holmes advised that he is no longer licensed to conduct insurance business in Louisiana and requested to be unsubscribed from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Holmes' request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 3**: By email dated August 22, 2022, Brian Taylor requested to be removed from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Taylor's request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 4:** By email dated August 22, 2022, Joey Tran demanded that the LDI refrain from sending him emails.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Tran's demand was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 5:** By email dated August 22, 2022, Lily Shigaki demanded that the LDI refrain from emailing or otherwise contacting her and warned that any future emails "will constitute a violation."

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Shigaki's demand and related warning was routed to the proper division within the LDI to be processed accordingly.

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**COMMENT 6:** By email dated August 23, 2022, Thomas Bonfiglio requested that the LDI remove him from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Bonfiglio's request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 7:** By email dated August 24, 2022, John Front advised that he is planning to move and that he was unable to find information on the LDI website regarding the process of updating his contact information. He requested that the LDI instruct him on the proper procedure for updating his contact information.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Front's advices and request for instructions concerning the process of updating his contact information were routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 8:** By email dated August 24, 2022, Gio Biziack requested to be removed from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System on the basis that others within the company receive emails from the LDI and duplicate emails are unnecessary.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Biziack's request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

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**COMMENT 9:** By email dated August 24, 2022, Bob Foehlinger advised that he has retired from the insurance industry and requested that LDI refrain from sending him updates.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Foehlinger's request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

**COMMENT 10:** By email dated August 25, 2022, Malinda Yarrito requested that she be removed from all mailings from LA GOV.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Yarrito's request, insofar as it pertains to emails and notifications from the LDI, was routed to the proper agency division for handling.

**COMMENT 11:** By email dated August 25, 2022, Wendy Thompson advised that she is receiving but does not want daily emails from the LDI, and she requested instructions for unsubscribing from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Thompson's advices and request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

**COMMENT 12:** By email dated August 26, 2022, Eric Hanson requested to be removed from the LDI Industry Portal Notification System.

**RESPONSE:** This comment is not relevant to Regulation 123; however, Hanson's request was routed to the proper division within the LDI for handling.

Subject to legislative oversight, the LDI intends to submit Regulation 123 to the Office of the State Register for final publication in the November 2022 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A copy of the summary report will be placed on the LDI's website in accordance with La. R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(c).

Enclosures: Notice of Intent to Promulgate Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral

### IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will not affect competition or employment.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

#### Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 187)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority provided in R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to promulgate Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral. Regulation. 123 establishes requirements and restrictions imposed upon bail bond producers and sureties who receive collateral in connection with a bail bond transaction. The regulation also sets forth standards for collecting, holding, and returning collateral upon the final termination of liability on the bond. Lastly, Regulation 123 requires that a written collateral agreement accompany all bail bond transactions involving collateral security.

## Title 37 INSURANCE Part XIII. Regulations

## Chapter 187. Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral

#### §18701. Authority

A. This regulation is promulgated on behalf of the Department of Insurance by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to the authority granted under Title 22.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18703. Purpose

A. The purpose of this regulation is to establish and identify the responsibilities of an insurance producer licensed for the line of bail bonds with respect to collateral accepted and held by the producer pursuant to a written bail bond collateral agreement.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18705. Scope and Applicability

A. Regulation 123 sets forth requirements related to bail bond collateral agreements and identifies the responsibilities of a bail bond producer with respect to any collateral received as part of a bail bond transaction.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18707. Severability

A. The provisions of this Subpart are severable. If any provision or item of this Subpart, or application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Subpart which are to be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application of the Subpart.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18709. Definitions

A. These terms when used in this Chapter shall have the following meanings.

*Bail*—the security given by a person to assure a defendant's appearance before the proper criminal court whenever required.

Bail Bond Producer—any person, corporation, or partnership which holds an insurance license and has a contract and an appointment from an insurer licensed and authorized to provide surety in Louisiana.

Bail Bond Transaction—a transaction between a bail bond producer or agency and defendant or person on behalf of defendant to secure collateral, premiums, and fees for securing the release of a defendant and guaranteeing a set sum of money to the court if the defendant fails to appear in criminal court when required. Furthermore, a bail bond transaction includes the solicitation and inducement, preliminary negotiation, and effectuation of a contract of surety insurance and matters related thereto, all in connection with the defendant's release.

Collateral—anything of value, including money, personal property, or real property, which is accepted by a bail bond producer as security against potential losses arising from a contract of surety and is utilized as part of a bail bond transaction.

Commissioner—the Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance.

Fiduciary—a person who holds a thing in trust for another, such as a trustee; a person holding the character of a trustee, or a character analogous to that of a trustee, with respect to the trust and confidence involved in it and the scrupulous good faith and candor which it requires; a person having the duty, created by his undertaking, to act primarily for another's benefit in matters connected with such undertaking.

Forfeiture—the issuance of a judgment of bond forfeiture resulting from a defendant's failure to appear in court when required or to otherwise comply with any court ordered conditions of release as contemplated in the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Insurance Producer—a person required to be licensed under the laws of this state to sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance, and includes all persons or business entities otherwise referred to in Title 22 of the Louisiana Insurance Code as insurance agent or agent, or insurance broker or broker, or insurance solicitor or solicitor, or surplus lines broker.

*Surety*—an insurer licensed and authorized to provide surety in Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18711. Necessity of a Written Agreement for Collateral

- A. All agreements concerning collateral must be in writing.
- B. Written collateral agreements shall not contain any provision that is contrary to the requirements of this regulation or to those set forth in any law in Louisiana regarding bail bonds.
- C. Written collateral agreements must include the full name of the person pledging the collateral, the full name of the defendant to be released, an accurate and sufficiently detailed description of the collateral, the bond amount, the power of attorney number, and such other information as necessary to specify the bail bond related to the collateral agreement.
- D. A copy of the written collateral agreement and a written receipt for the collateral shall be provided to the person offering the collateral at the time of the transaction.
- E. Written collateral agreements must also contain assurances that the collateral will not be used by the bail bond producer or surety for personal benefit or gain and that the collateral will be returned in the same condition as pledged.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18713. Requirements for Collateral

- A. A bail bond producer or surety that accepts collateral as security for a bail bond shall comply with all of the following requirements:
- 1. For a bail bond producer or surety to accept collateral, the person pledging the collateral must have voluntarily pledged it at the time of the bail bond transaction and execution of the written collateral agreement. The intent to pledge collateral to secure the defendant's release must be clearly stated and verified by the signature of the person pledging the collateral.
- 2. The collateral shall be received and held in the surety's name by the bail bond producer or surety in a fiduciary capacity.
- 3. The collateral must be reasonable in relation to the face amount of the bond, and the collateral's value must be determined before the collateral agreement is executed.
- 4. The bail bond producer or surety shall keep and maintain collateral separate and apart from any other funds or assets.
- 5. It shall be a prohibited act pursuant to R.S. 22:1562 for any bail bond producer or surety to use any collateral for personal benefit or gain, or to fail to return the collateral to the person pledging it in the same condition as received by the bail bond producer or surety.
- 6. The bail bond producer or surety shall provide the person pledging the collateral a written receipt for the collateral received. The written receipt must include a detailed and specific description of the collateral, the full

name of the person pledging the collateral, the full name of the defendant, the date of the bond, the approximate value of any non-cash collateral, and the specific amount of cash or other collateral.

- 7. If the parties to the collateral agreement subsequently agree to substitute other things of value as collateral, the substitution must be reflected in a new written collateral agreement, and the bail bond producer or surety must issue a new written receipt to the person pledging the substituted collateral.
- 8. The bail bond producer or surety shall return the collateral to the person who pledged the collateral not more than 30 days after the bail obligation is discharged in accordance with article 331 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
- B. If a forfeiture of the bail bond occurs, the bail bond producer or surety shall provide the person who pledged the collateral 10 days written notice from the date that a judgment of bond forfeiture is signed of the bail bond producer or surety's intent to take possession of the collateral deposit to satisfy the forfeiture. The notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the person who pledged the collateral. If the collateral received by a bail bond producer is in excess of the bail forfeited, the bail bond producer or surety shall return the excess to the person who pledged the collateral within 30 days from the date a judgment of bond forfeiture is satisfied, less any verifiable and appropriate administrative expenses specifically provided for in Section 18715 below.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, C.Cr.P. art 311, et seq, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18715. Deductions from Collateral

- A. Only the premium amounts, fees, and expenses authorized pursuant to R.S. 22:1443, or as otherwise permitted in accordance with applicable state law, shall be recoverable by any bail bond producer or surety. No fee or other charge of any nature shall be deducted from the collateral due or charged in association with the storage or keeping of the collateral by the bail bond producer or surety.
- B. A documented and itemized list of any such fees or expenses shall be given to the person who pledged the collateral. A copy of such documentation and itemization shall also be available to the Commissioner upon his request.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18717. Violations

A. Failure to comply with the provisions of this regulation may be determined by the Commissioner to be a violation of R.S. 22:1562, and the violator shall be subject to penalties pursuant to R.S. 22:1554.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### §18719. Effective Date

A. This regulation shall become effective upon final publication in the Louisiana Register.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:1542, 22:1547, 22:1554, 22:1562, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.
- 2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
- 3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.
- 4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.
- 5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
- 6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed regulation should have no effect on household income, assets, and financial security.
- 2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.
- 3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.
- 4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.
- 5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

The impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed regulation that will accomplish the

objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

- 1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.
- 2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.
- 3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Philip Dominique, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., September 12, 2022.

James J. Donelon Commissioner

#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Regulation 123—Producer Responsibility for Bail Bond Collateral

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

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule is promulgated to establish requirements and impose restrictions applicable to bail bond producers and sureties who receive collateral pledged in connection with a bail bond transaction. The proposed rule further prescribes protocols pertaining to the collection, maintenance, and return of collateral upon the final termination of liability on a bond, and it requires that a written collateral agreement accompany all bail bond transactions involving collateral security.

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

The proposed rule will have no impact on state or local governmental revenues.

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

The proposed rule may affect any bail bond producer and surety licensed in Louisiana. The proposed rule sets forth the duties and responsibilities of bail bond producers and sureties when collateral is pledged to secure a criminal defendant's release from custody.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact upon competition and employment in the state.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

#### **Department of Revenue Policy Services Division**

Corporation Income Tax (LAC 61:I.1122, 1124, and 1125)

Under the authority of R.S. 47:1511 and 287.86 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, proposes to amend LAC 61:I.1122 and to repeal 1124 and 1125.

The primary purpose of the proposed regulation is to implement Act 103 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which repeals the carryback provisions as it relates to net operating losses for corporations.

#### Title 61 REVENUE AND TAXATION

#### Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the Secretary of the Department of Revenue Chapter 11. Corporation Income Tax

§1122. Taxes Not Deductible

A. - B. ...

C. - D. Repealed.

E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:287.83, R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Income Tax Section, LR 14:96 (February 1988), repromulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 30:470 (March 2004), amended by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 33:295 (February 2007), amended by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 48:

#### §1124. Net Operating Loss Deduction

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:287.86, R.S. 47:287.785 and R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 30:2494 (November 2004), repealed LR 48:

## §1125. Application of Net Operating Losses Carryover to Otherwise Closed Years

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:287.86 and 1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 36:2290 (October 2010), repealed LR 48:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

The proposed amendment of LAC 61:I.1122 and repeal of §§1124 and 1125, regarding the repeal of net operating loss carrybacks, should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49:972(D) or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically, the implementation of these proposed rules will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. the stability of the family;
- 2. the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children;
  - 3. the functioning of the family;
  - 4. family earnings and family budget;
- 5. the behavior and personal responsibility of children;
- 6. the ability of the family or a local government to perform this function.

#### **Poverty Statement**

The proposed amendments and proposed repeal will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed amendments and proposed repeal will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. the staffing levels requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
- 2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service;
- 3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

It is anticipated that the proposed amendments and proposed repeal should not have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in drafting these proposed amendments to accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing any anticipated adverse impact on small businesses.

#### **Public Comments**

Any interested person may submit written data, views, arguments or comments regarding the proposed amendments and/or repeal to Brad Blanchard, Attorney, Policy Services Division, Office of Legal Affairs by mail to P.O. Box 44098, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4098. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 28, 2022.