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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT 2022

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 450B

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has determined that the proposed amendments should not have any adverse effect upon a small business or negatively impact the formation, operation or expansion of a small business in Nevada.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 233B as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees."

This small business impact statement is made pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 below and provides the reasons for the conclusions of the agency in section 8 below followed by the certification by the person responsible for the agency.

Background

The DPBH determined that existing Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 450B needed to be reviewed with regulation additions and changes proposed. Current regulation requires a person to be certified as an advanced emergency medical technician prior to receiving training for certification as a paramedic. However, in light of the dramatic changes that the emergency medical services industry has undergone in the past several years, experiencing attrition in the prehospital setting, the need for paramedics has increased substantially. The draft regulations remove the prerequisite that a student must first be certified as an advanced emergency medical technician in order to take a paramedic course. This change will remove a barrier which causes delay to entering into a paramedic course.

Additionally, existing regulations mandate inspection of all vehicles operating under a permit, prior to use. The proposed changes to NAC Chapter 450B would allow, under certain circumstances, an agency to attest to a vehicle meeting requirement be placed into service until an inspection can be completed by DBPH staff but not for more than 60-days.

A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (2)(a), DPBH has requested input from stakeholders, small businesses, and the users of the ImageTrend system.

A Small Business Impact Questionnaire was sent to users of the ImageTrend License Management System along with a copy of the proposed regulation changes on June 1, 2022.

The questions on the questionnaire were:

- 1) How many employees are currently employed by your business?
- 2) Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business? If so, please indicate the estimated dollar amount(s) you believe the adopted regulations will cost you over one calendar year with a brief explanation as to how the dollar amount was calculated.
- 3) Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business? If so, please include any cost savings you believe the adopted regulations will save you over one calendar year with an estimated dollar amount if applicable.
- 4) Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?
- 5) Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business?

Summary of Response

| Summary of Comments Received (7 responses were received out of 7,582 small business impact questionnaires distributed) | | | |
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| Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business? | Will the regulation (s) have any beneficial effect upon your business? | Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business? | Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business? |
| 0 - Yes | 0 - Yes | 0 - Yes | 1 - Yes |
| 7 - No | 7 - No | 7 - No | 6 - No |
| 0 - Unknown | 0 - Unknown | 0 - Unknown | 0 - Unknown |

1) Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted.

The small business impact questionnaire was distributed to 7,582 small businesses. Analysis was conducted by reviewing each submitted response.

2) The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate including, without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects and both direct and indirect effects.

There is no estimated economic effect of the proposed regulations on small business.

3) Provide a description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

The DPBH received seven (7) responses via email with four (4) questionnaires included in the e-mail. One e-mail had a concern about limited experience of an emergency medical technician moving to a paramedic

course. The respondent is not a training center and does not offer paramedic courses. Each email was acknowledged with an email response will be taken into consideration for possible further revisions to the regulations to reduce the economic impact on facilities.

4) The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There is no anticipated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulations.

5) If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount DPBH expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

There are no fee increases.

6) An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.

At this time, there are no duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards.

7) Provide a summary of the reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The agency concludes the proposed regulations will produce negligible impact on small businesses and no economic impact on small businesses. Most of the proposed changes provide additional clarification to existing regulations while adding or updating others to current industry standards and practices. DPBH developed regulations that would not be unduly burdensome on small business. Overall, small businesses in the State of Nevada appear not to be impacted by the proposed regulations.

Any other persons interested in obtaining a copy of the summary may email, call, or mail in a request to Bobbie Sullivan at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at:

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Certification by Person Responsible for the Agency

I, Lisa Sherych, Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health certify to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Signature  Date: 7/6/2022