

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Address: 5825 Florida Blvd., Ste. 4000 Rule
Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Title: LAC 7:XXI.1705-1725 (Alternative
Livestock White-Tailed Deer and other Captive
Cervids)
Date Rule
Takes Effect: November 20, 2016

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

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

The proposed revisions to LAC 7:XXI.Chapter 17 align needs for disease control and facilitate commerce for the alternative livestock industry. The proposed rule change's revision of alternative livestock requirements will have no associated costs or savings to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 17.

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

The proposed rules will not result in an increase or decrease in revenue collections to state or local governmental units.

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

Individuals who possess or wish to possess a farm raised alternative livestock license will be affected by the proposed rules. However, the proposed rules will not result in an increase in costs or paperwork to these individuals. Under the proposed rules, farm raising licensees will have to maintain records for 60 months instead of 36 months.. Although the proposed rule changes do add a \$125 delinquency fee for farm raised license renewals, the department does not anticipate many cases in which this fee would be collected because most licenses are timely renewed.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rules are not anticipated to have an effect on competition or employment.

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed revisions to LAC 7:XXI.Chapter 17 align needs for disease control and facilitate commerce for the alternative livestock industry. The proposed rules clarify requirements for the commissioning and decommissioning of farm-raise, white-tailed deer pens. The proposed rules further update definitions used in Chapter 17. The proposed rules amend the requirements for approval of a license to the farm and sets forth requirements to be followed in the event of a change of ownership of a farm. The proposed amendments remove the harvesting permit fee and provides that a late fee of \$125 may be assessed if the annual farm raising license fee is not timely paid. The proposed rules modify the obligations of a farm-raising licensee with respect to the identification of farm raised alternative livestock and also require licensees to keep records for 60 months instead of 36 months. The proposed rules allow licensure of an area not less than 250 acres and remove the requirement for a maximum number of acres. The proposed rules remove the requirement of obtaining a harvesting permit prior to harvesting or killing farm-raised alternative livestock.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

La. R.S. 3:3101 gives the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry the authority to adopt the proposed rules. The proposed revisions to LAC 7:XXI.Chapter 17 will remove outdated provisions and maintain consistency with the goals of the department and industry.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No additional expenditures of funds are anticipated by the department as this is a continuing program.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

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I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

The department does not anticipate that implementation of the proposed rule will result in an increase or decrease of costs to the department or state governmental units.

COSTS	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
Personal Services	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0
Other Charges	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Major Repairs & Constr.	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

Not applicable.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

It is not anticipated that the proposed rule will require any direct or indirect material funding.

SOURCE	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
State General Fund	0	0	0
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0
Dedicated	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other (Specify)	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

It is not anticipated that the proposed rule will require any funds for implementation. This program is already being offered and administered by the department.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The department does not anticipated that the proposed rule will have an impact on local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

Not applicable.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

The department does not anticipate that the proposed rules will have an effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units. The removal of the harvest permit fee from Rule 1709 should not have a fiscal impact because those permits are not currently being issued. Instead, LDWF issues a license to hunt. Also, the addition of a late fee in Rule 1709 should have a minimal impact on revenue collections because very few licensees are late in renewing their license annually.

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
State General Fund	0	0	0
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0
Dedicated Funds*	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL			

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

Not applicable

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

Individuals who possess or wish to possess a farm-raised alternative livestock license will be affected by the proposed rules. However, the proposed rules will not result in an increase in costs or paperwork to these individuals. Under the proposed rules, farm raising licensees will have to maintain records for 60 months instead of 36 months.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income

resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The department does not anticipate that the proposed rule will have a direct material effect on the revenues of any group.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The department anticipates that the implementation of this proposed rule will not have an effect on competition and employment in either the public or private sector.