

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS ANNUAL RULE REPORT
TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

The following annual report reflects the rule-making actions taken by the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners (“LSBAE”) during the twelve-month period beginning 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023, as required by R.S. 49:966(K).

**Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part I. Architects**

Chapter 11. Licenses

§1103. Individuals Registered in Other States

and

§1111. Dependents of Healthcare Professionals

As shown in LSBAE’s annual report for CY2022, rule-making concerning the amendment of Board Rule §1103. Individuals Registered in Other State and the adoption of Board Rule §1111. Dependents of Healthcare Professionals began in CY2022. From 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023, the following additional rule-making actions concerned this amendment and adoption:

Occupation Licensing Review Commission second report: January 5, 2023.

Occupation Licensing Review Commission final review and approval by resolution: January 19, 2023.

Summary reports (R.S. 49:968(D)(1-5)) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: February 1, 2023.

Final rule: adopted at board meeting May 26, 2023.

Final rule published: June 20, 2023 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 49, No. 6, pp. 1033-34)

Act No. 279 of 2021, codified as R.S. 37:1751, pertains to licensure for dependents of healthcare professionals. It requires that professional and licensing boards adopt rules implementing a path to licensure for dependents of healthcare professionals. As mandated by this Act, the board began rule-making during 2022 seeking to amend an existing rule (LAC 46:I.1103. Individuals Registered in Other States) and adopt a new rule (LAC 46:I.1111. Dependents of Healthcare Professionals). During 2023, this rule-making continued and was completed.

The amendment to Rule §1103 recognizes that dependents of healthcare professionals may be exempted from the requirement of submitting an NCARB (blue cover) certificate to the board and pursue an alternative path to licensure.

The adoption of Rule §1111 requires the board to issue a license, permit pending normal license, or registration to an applicant who is a dependent of a healthcare professional who has relocated to and established his legal residence in Louisiana, holds a valid license to provide healthcare services in

Louisiana, and is providing healthcare services in Louisiana, who satisfies the requirements of Act 279 of 2021. The requirements differ depending on whether the applicant holds a valid license to practice architecture from another state, whether licensure by endorsement or reciprocity is provided for by law, or whether the applicant works in a state that does not use an occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of architecture. The requirements in the proposed rule mirror the requirements contained in Act 279.

Chapter 19. Rules of Conduct: Violations

§1907(E). General Disciplinary Guidelines

Occupation Licensing Review Commission first report: July 5, 2023, and July 12, 2023.

Occupation Licensing Review Commission review and initial approval by resolution: July 19, 2023.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:968(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: November 8, 2023

Notice of Intent: published November 20, 2023 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 49, No. 11, pp. 1954-55).

Comment period: expired December 15, 2023. No comments, petitions, or submissions received, and no responses made.

Public or oversight committee hearings during 2023: None.

The proposed amendment to Rule §1907(E) concerns the fine which shall be imposed, absent aggravating or mitigating circumstances, upon firms found to have practiced architecture with an expired certificate of authority. For a firm found to have practiced architecture with an expired certificate of authority, the fine imposed will be reduced to \$250 for practicing architecture three months to six months; \$500 for practicing architecture six months to twelve months or fraction thereof, and \$500 per year for practicing architecture for more than one year or fraction thereof.

Chapter 3. Organization

§307. Meetings

Occupation Licensing Review Commission first report: November 20, 2023.

Occupation Licensing Review Commission review and initial approval by resolution: December 7, 2023.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:968(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: December 7, 2023

Notice of Intent: published December 20, 2023 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 49, No. 12, p. 2120-21).

Comment period: expired January 15, 2024. No comments, petitions, or submissions received, and no responses made.

Public or oversight committee hearings during 2023: None.

Act 393 of the 2023 regular session mandates that state agencies that do not conduct at least six regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall provide by rule for the participation in their

meetings by electronic means on an individualized basis by members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act, designated caregivers of such persons, and participant board members with an ADA-qualifying disability. The Act further sets forth required procedures for providing public notice of meetings, for receiving requests for accommodation, and for accommodating requests for such participation.

The proposed amendments to Rule §307 comply with Act 393. They provide that the board, which does not conduct at least six regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, (i) shall accommodate participation in its meetings on an individual basis via electronic means by members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act, designated caregivers of such persons, and participant board members with an ADA-qualifying disability who request accommodation, and (ii) shall follow the required procedures for providing written public notice of its meetings and for receiving and accommodating requests for participation in its meetings from persons with disabilities.

No proposed fee adoption, increase, or decrease was made by the LSBAE during 2023.

No petition or submission pursuant to R.S. 49:964 was received by the LSBAE during 2023.