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NOTICE OF INTENT

Title 55
PUBLIC SAFETY
Part III. Motor Vehicles
Chapter 1. Driver's License
Subchapter A. General Requirements
(LAC 55:III.151)

Under the authority of R.S. 37:3270 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Office of Motor Vehicles hereby proposes to amend sections 151 under Chapter 1, Subchapter A, to require employees of driving schools in direct care or responsibility for minor students to submit and pass a background check. Current regulation only provides for instructors and owners supervising students to submit to and pass a background check. This regulation will ensure compliance with the Child Protection Act.

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5. Any employee of a driving school with direct care or responsibility for minor students or who has access to the student's personal information, shall submit to and successfully pass a background check prior to any contact with minor students. The direct care or responsibility over minor students shall consist of any contact with a minor student, including, but not limited to, picking up students for instruction, monitoring students, or driving students home. This rule applies to all driving school employees, including instructors, owners and administrative staff. Employees of driving schools who are not required to submit to a background check or have not passed a background check shall not be allowed access to minor students or their information. Driving school owners shall be required to submit a list of all employees with direct care or responsibility for minor students to DPS annually, and any time a new employee is hired, by email at ladrivingschools@dps.la.gov. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, any identifying information such as name, address, telephone number, social security number, parents' names, name and address of high school attended by student, and emergency contacts.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1), R.S. 40:1461 and R.S. 40:1462.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 38:1977 (August 2012), amended LR 40:XXXX

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered and it is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have any adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. 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 Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

POVERTY STATEMENT

The impact of the proposed Rule on child, individual, or family poverty has been considered and it is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as provided in La. R.S. 49:973. The agency has considered economic welfare factors and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on poverty.

FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Rules will not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49:972D or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically there should be 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 the children.

Local governmental entities have the ability to perform the enforcement of the action proposed in accordance with R.S. 40:1730.23

PROVIDER IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Rules do not impact or affect a "Provider." "Provider" means an organization that provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities as defined in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature. In particular, the proposed Rules have no effect or impact on a "Provider" in regards to:

1. The staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.
2. The cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.
3. The ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

INTERESTED PERSONS

Interested persons may submit written comments or requests for public hearing on these proposed rule changes to Laura Hopes, Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Office of Legal Affairs, at 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 307, P.O. Box 66614, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-6103 (phone); (225) 925-3974 (facsimile); laura.hopes@la.gov (email). Comments will be accepted through close of business November 10, 2014. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at 7979 Independence Boulevard, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806. If the requisite number of comments are not received, the hearing will be cancelled. Please call and confirm the hearing will be conducted before attended.

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