

STATEMENT OF NEED AND FISCAL IMPACT

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing or a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking accompanies this form.

State Board of Clinical Social Workers

Chapter 877

Agency and Division

Administrative Rules Chapter Number

Adopts rules to change Board name, streamline licensure renewal, and change mandatory reporting requirements.

Rule Caption (Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.)

In the Matter of: Amendment of Rules in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 877, Divisions 10, 20, 25, 35 and 40, establishing new rules in Chapter 877 Divisions 20 and 40.

Statutory Authority: ORS 675.510-ORS 675.600; ORS 675.990; ORS 676.175 - ORS 676.177; ORS 183.335; ORS 183.360

Other Authority:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 675.510-ORS675.600; ORS 675.990; ORS183.335; ORS 183.360

Need for the Rule(s): Implements certain Senate Bill 177 (2009) provisions, including renaming the Board to "Board of Licensed Social Workers" and adding a definition of "practice of social work" by defining this term as "practice of clinical social work" for the purpose of new ORS 675.540 language. Failure to adopt this definition would compromise the Board's continued authority to discipline its licensees. The proposed rules streamline licensing renewal requirements and lay the groundwork for implementing on-line licensure renewals. Specific Board recognition of accrediting bodies will provide clarity to applicants from Canada and other foreign countries. The proposed rules for application requirements for former license holders will allow the Board to re-license former license holders without requiring repetition of the entire CSWA program. Proposed rules eliminate existing rule language related to mandatory reporting requirements that are in conflict with House Bill 2059 (2009).

Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:

The proposed rules text is published on the Board's web site, www.oregon.gov/bcsw The web site also has a published set of documents from the Rules Advisory Committee the Board consulted as part of rule development.

Copies of the proposed rule are also available by contacting the Board Office at 503.378.5735 or toll-free at 1.866.355.7050

Fiscal and Economic Impact:

No fiscal impact on most licensees and applicants or other public or private agencies. Minimal direct cost reduction for licensees due to renewal process simplification; possible significant cost reductions to former licensees who intend to re-apply for licensure.

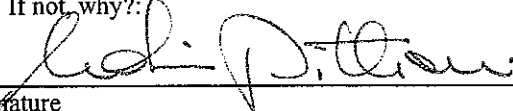
Statement of Cost of Compliance:

- 1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)): None.
- 2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336): Some savings due to licensure renewal process streamlining.
  - a. Estimate the number of small businesses and types of business and industries with small businesses subject to the rule: Proposed rules affect 3600 licensees and certificate holders, primarily practicing in public and private agency settings, with a minority of a about 700 licensees in a private practice / small business setting.
  - b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services: Some reduction in administrative requirements due to streamlining of the licensure renewal process.
  - c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance: None.

How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule? A rule advisory committee that included licensees in private practice was consulted.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted? YES

If not, why?:



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Date