



Fiscal Services Division

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARIES

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Iowa Code section 17A.4(4) requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to analyze the fiscal impact of all administrative rules with an impact of \$100,000 or more and provide a summary of the impact to the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). Fiscal Impact Statements filed by State agencies can be found on our website at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/arrc/fiscalImpact>

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Secretary of State

ARC 1643C

Rule Summary Revises the configuration settings for the Unisyn OpenElect voting system that is currently certified for use in the State of Iowa. The configuration settings are based on the newest version of the certified Unisyn election management software. In addition, authorizes County Commissioners that have purchased the Unisyn OpenElect voting system to use ballot alerts if they choose and adds references to newly certified Election Systems and Software and Dominion voting systems to an existing rule. Ballot alerts, when activated in the Unisyn voting system, print an alert when voters insert a ballot that is blank or contains an overvote. These alerts will eliminate the need for the election official to examine the voter's actual ballot. Because this is a Notice of Intended Action, this rulemaking will not be effective before the November 4, 2014, General Election.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.4.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact to the State.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

Emergency Rule, Chapter 21

Rule Summary Updates existing rules with nonsubstantive editorial corrections.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.4.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Department of Human Services

ARC 1638C
Rule Summary Clarifies the training requirements for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Brain Injury (BI) providers and direct service staff.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 249A.4.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** Minimal or no fiscal impact.

LSA Response: There will be an administrative cost to the HCBS BI Waiver providers as they will have to pay their staff to complete the BI training. However, this was a previous requirement of the BI Waiver service provision.

ARC 1657C
Rule Summary Adopts changes to implement 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1029 (Adoption Investigations and Reporting Requirements). Requires licensed child-placing adoption agencies or certified adoption investigators to complete additional record checks on prospective adoptive applicants. Records include national criminal background checks, sex offender registry, and child abuse record in states where applicants lived for five years prior to the investigation date. For international adoptions, post-placement investigation reports must address the unique needs of the child. Extends the validity date for home studies to two years. Also makes technical changes.

Agency Stated Authority: 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1029.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1636C
Rule Summary Requires Child Development Home providers to maintain accurate and accessible emergency contact information for the children in care.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code chapter 237A.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1637C
Rule Summary Updates rules to comply with Iowa Code section 237A.4A that requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to complete annual inspection of child development homes. The is required to check 100.0% of child development homes in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2013, and succeeding years. Current administrative rules date from 2009 and reflect the requirement that the Department check 20.0% of child development homes annually.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 237A.4A.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: This change updates administrative rules to match the current practice so there is no fiscal impact.

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Dental Board

ARC 1658C

Rule Summary Requires all moderate sedation permit holders to use capnography or a pretracheal/precordial stethoscope at all facilities where they provide sedation beginning January 1, 2015. Authorizes moderate sedation permit holders that sedate child patients to maintain Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification in lieu of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 153.33 and 153.34.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1645C

Rule Summary Establishes rules implementing the licensing reciprocity provisions of the Home Base Iowa Act (2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116).

Agency Stated Authority: 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1116 (Home Base Iowa Act).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** Minimal fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Economic Development Authority

ARC 1626C

Rule Summary Updates rules for the Iowa Economic Development Regions Initiatives. Changes include adding and revising definitions, revising the application process to be competitive rather than open-window, and making technical corrections. Repeals the transfer of Regions Funding Assistance to the Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and the Iowa Business Resource Centers.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 15E.231 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts SF 2359 (Economic Development Program Changes Act).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs. The SBDCs last received Region Funding Assistance from the Grow Iowa Values Fund in FY 2012.

ARC 1628C

Rule Summary Establishes a Program to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, HF 2448 (Enterprise Zone Transition Act), and administers a new tax incentive Program for assisting the development of workforce housing as directed by the General Assembly. The new Workforce Housing Tax Credits will be assessable in all 99 Iowa counties compared to the enterprise zone housing tax credits that were accessible in 45 counties.

The General Assembly also made a number of changes to the High Quality Jobs Program (HQJP) and the Enterprise Zone Program. The rules make changes to these programs in conformance with the legislation, that will allow broader access and more standard tax credit awards for economic development.

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The rules also make clarifying amendments to other rules affected by the legislation including some legislative changes from prior legislative sessions.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 15.106A.

Fiscal Impact

Agency Response: Fiscal impact of \$100,000 (or more) annually or \$500,000 (or more) over five years. The Program applications will fully utilize the available credit allocation.

LSA Response: The estimated General Fund fiscal impact remains the same as stated in the Fiscal Note for HF 2448.

General Fund Revenue Impact	
In millions	
	Revenue
FY 2015	\$ 0.0
FY 2016	-5.1
FY 2017	-3.8
FY 2018	-0.9
FY 2019	-1.0
FY 2020	-3.7
FY 2021	-5.0
FY 2022	-6.3

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Department of Inspections and Appeals

ARC 1650C

Rule Summary Implements legislative changes to Iowa Code section 135B.34, that provides hospitals with additional time to verify the conviction or entry of a record of founded abuse of potential employees from 48 hours to seven calendar days.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135B.7.

Fiscal Impact

Agency Response: No additional cost to the state because under current law, hospitals are required to conduct criminal history background and abuse record checks prior to hire of new personnel.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1649C

Rule Summary Rescinds and replaces Chapter 57 “Residential Care Facilities”. Replaces the current chapter with modified rule organization and clarified language. The new Chapter 57 includes the following provisions.

- Adds “Crisis Intervention” and “Memory Care Unit” requirements.
- Revises service plans and qualifications for administrators.
- Updates of electronic records.
- Defines required policies and procedures, staff training, and in-service.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135C.14.

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Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact to the State. Any procedural or construction costs associated with the updating of facility standards per the above listed requirements are the responsibility of each facility.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1648C

Rule Summary Adopts technical changes by amending and clarifying rules associated with involuntary discharge or transfer of individuals residing in the following types of care facilities as provided by the State Board of Health:

- Chapter 58 – Nursing Facilities
- Chapter 62 – Residential Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness (RCF/PMI)
- Chapter 63 – Residential Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled
- Chapter 64 – Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled
- Chapter 65 – Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness (PCF/PMI)

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135C.14.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact to the state.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Public Employment Relations Board

ARC 1642C

Rule Summary Creates a new chapter that establishes minimum qualifications for mediators and the process for persons to apply for inclusion on the PERB Mediator List. Also establishes conflict of interest and confidentiality rules applicable to mediators and outlines the procedures to notify the Board with a complaint about a mediator. Creates a new chapter that establishes minimum qualifications for arbitrators, the process to become listed and remain on the PERB Arbitrator Roster, and the procedure for discipline or removal from the Roster.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 20.6(5).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs. The Roster Listing Fee established in new Iowa Administrative Code section 621-14.3(4) is currently collected by the Board and the rate is unchanged. Total fees collected by the Board annually generate approximately \$10,000.

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Natural Resource Commission

ARC 1644C

Rule Summary Adopts a reduced speed zone (five miles per hour) on the Mississippi River adjacent to the City of Clayton.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 462A.32(2).

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State. The city of Clayton will enforce the speed limit and designate the area with buoys approved by the Natural Resource Commission.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Environmental Protection Commission

ARC 1627C

Rule Summary Amends rules related to confinement feeding operations that are concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to comply with applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements as required by Iowa Code section 459.311(2). Adoption of the proposed rule is also required by the Work Plan Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on September 11, 2013. Rule changes include:

- Rescinds outdated operation permits.
- For confinements, adopts federal NPDES permit requirements. Adopts federal rules for manure application setback distances for confinement and open feedlot CAFOs that have NPDES permits.
- Clarifies the basic NPDES permitting requirements in Chapter 64 and how they apply to more specific Chapter 65 CAFO rules.

After six public meetings and numerous comments submitted to the DNR, the following changes were made to the amendments that were in the Notice of Intended Action in Chapter 65 of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC):

- In Chapter 65.1, the definition of “Applicant” is amended by deleting the reference to operation permit.
- In Chapter 65.3(3)“h”, the catch phrase language, “for confinement feeding operations with NPDES permits” is repeated in the text.
- In Chapter 65.7(1), paragraph “a” is rescinded.
- In Chapter 65.101(6)“c”, the catch phrase language, “for open feedlot operations with NPDES permits” is repeated in the text.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 459.311(2).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact. A letter from the EPA dated January 23, 2014, informed the DNR that the proposed amendments meet the requirements of the Work Plan and Iowa’s NPDES rules are consistent with federal requirements.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Department of Public Health

ARC 1639C

Rule Summary Updates the Administrative Code to comply with federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations and corrects technical errors.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 136C.3.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1640C

Rule Summary Implements SF 2360 (Medical Cannabidiol Act), that permits the possession and use of cannabidiol as defined in the legislation. The rules make the following additions:

- Defines cannabidiol, Department of Public Health (DPH), intractable epilepsy, neurologist, and primary caregiver as provided for in SF 2360. Adds definitions for date of issuance, date of expiration, Department of Transportation (DOT), patient, permanent resident (revised), and State.
- Provides for the receipt of a written recommendation from a neurologist by the department and the process for the issuance of a cannabidiol registration card to a patient or primary caregiver by the DOT.
- Provides for the protection of confidential patient and primary caregiver information.
- Revisions removed the requirement for the recommending neurologist to physically examine a patient before issuing a written recommendation, added language to clarify that aggregate and statistical information that does not provide any patient identifiers can be made available to the public upon request, and revised the renewal process for identification card issuance.

Agency Stated Authority: 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1125.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** The fiscal impact cannot be determined. The General Assembly appropriated \$25,000 to the DPH to implement the Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program. Funding was not provided to the DOT for its responsibilities under the Act. The DOT is actively working with its vendor to understand the costs associated with software adjustments needed to produce the registration cards. The final cost is unknown at this time.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1656C

Rule Summary Amends rules to provide for a second review process of applications for the service delivery area that receive an equal number of points by management and nonmanagement employees. Provides that public notice of available funds will be made through the IowaGrants.gov system. Designates the time period for decision and order of the director from the date of the receipt of an appeal.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 135.11, 17A.3(1), and 17A.15.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** Minimal fiscal impact. The DPH will expend an estimated \$30,000 to develop a specific database application and grant forms in IowaGrants.gov.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1646C
Rule Summary Establishes rules implementing the licensing reciprocity provisions of the Home Base Iowa Act (2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116).

Agency Stated Authority: 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1116 (Home Base Iowa Act).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** Minimal fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1655C
Rule Summary Updates terminology, clarifies current practices, and makes technical changes for the Certificate of Need Program including allowing the electronic submission of materials.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 135.61 through 135.79.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board

ARC 1631C
Rule Summary Adopts and amends rules provided in the following chapters as pursuant to the Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board:

- Chapter 3 “General Provisions for Examinations”.
- Chapter 4 “Associate Real Property Appraiser”.
- Chapter 5 “Certified Residential Real Property Appraiser”.
- Chapter 6 “Certified General Real Property Appraiser”.

The amendments establish uniform appraisal standards, appraiser certification requirements, and other rules necessary to administer and enforce these chapters. The amendments include a bachelor’s degree certification, a timeline for national criminal background checks, changing appraiser classification from “trainee” to “associate” and updating continuing education requirements per compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP).

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 543D.5.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact is anticipated.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1629C
Rule Summary Makes updates to and amends the Appraiser Qualification Criteria per the requirements of the Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board. The proposed amendments provide the following.

- Provides Board authority to send electronic or paper renewal reminders.
- Separates requirements for “reinstatement” and “reactivation”.
- Amends for consistency with the reinstatement requirements as stated within Chapter 4 “Associate Real Property Appraiser”.
- Replaces the designation “trainee” with “associate”.

The proposed amendments are in compliance with the January 1, 2015, Appraiser Qualification Criteria.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 543D.5.

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Architectural Examining Board

ARC 1624C

Rule Summary Adopts the following changes:

- Removes transition language regarding Architect Registration Examination (ARE) testing that is no longer needed.
- Changes the renewal cycle from biennial to annual.
- Adjusts continuing education and fees accordingly.
- Moves the renewal deadline from June 30 to December 31 and includes transition language.
- Rescinds rules regarding business entities.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 544A.29.

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State. The total amount of the fee is not being changed.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs. The registration and renewal fees will be half of the biennial amount now that the renewals will be on an annual basis.

ARC 1625C

Rule Summary Replaces Administrative Code 193B - Chapter 3 and does the following:

- Adds continuing education definitions.
- Adjusts the continuing education hours to 12 hours annually instead of 24 hours every two years.
- Changes the biennial registration to an annual registration.
- Phases in the transition from biennial to annual registration.
- A change was made since the rule was first noticed to clarify that continuing education programs will be acceptable if sponsored or accredited by certain organizations. The original rule only referred to programs sponsored by these organizations.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 272C.2(1) and 544A.29.

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State. The effect will be minimal. Architects now have biennial renewals with 24 hours of continuing education needed to renew. The amendment changes that to annual renewal with 12 hours of continuing education. The changes will bring Iowa's renewal cycle and continuing education requirement in better alignment with other jurisdictions.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Department of Revenue

ARC 1654C

Rule Summary Implements the provisions of 2014 Iowa Acts, HF2438 (Revenue Department Technical Act) and HF2448 (Enterprise Zone Transition Act).

House File 2438 codified existing Department of Revenue practices regarding the administration of State taxes.

House File 2448 repealed the existing Economic Development Authority Enterprise Zone (EZ) and the related Housing Enterprise Zone (HEZ) Programs. The purpose of the EZ Program was transferred to the existing High Quality Jobs (HQJ) Program and the purpose of the HEZ Program was transferred to a new Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program (WHTIP). As part of the transition, several changes to investment tax credits and tax refunds were made.

The new WHTIP was effective on enactment and applies retroactively to tax year 2014. A provision that makes existing HEZ tax credits that were not transferable when originally issued into transferable tax credits was effective on enactment and applies to qualified nonrefundable HEZ investment tax credits issued prior to July 1, 2014. Any tax credits made transferable through the provisions of the Act and subsequently transferred may not be redeemed before January 1, 2016.

The rule applies to individual income, corporation income, and franchise tax filers, and is effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The rule also affects eligible businesses approved under certain economic development programs that file refund claims for sales and use tax. The rule provides taxpayers with guidance regarding the filing of returns and refund claims.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 421.14 and 422.68.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** The fiscal impact is minimal for FY 2015 and \$5.1 million for FY 2016, as noted in the fiscal note dated April 25, 2014.

LSA Response: HF 2438 does not have an identified fiscal impact. The provisions of HF 2438 do not increase the assumed dollar value of tax credits awarded by the Authority; the Act does alter the redemption pattern for awarded credits. The fiscal impacts include program revisions that lead to quicker redemptions of awarded tax credits as well as changes that increase the percentage of awards that are eventually redeemed. The following table provides the estimated General Fund revenue impact of HF 2438.

General Fund Revenue Impact	
In millions	
	Revenue
FY 2015	\$ 0.0
FY 2016	-5.1
FY 2017	-3.8
FY 2018	-0.9
FY 2019	-1.0
FY 2020	-3.7
FY 2021	-5.0
FY 2022	-6.3

ARC 1635C

Rule Summary Implements 2013 Iowa Acts, SF 295 (Commercial Property Tax Credit Act) Division III. The Act creates a new property tax classification for human habitat commercial property (apartments, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.). The new classification begins in Assessment Year (AY) 2015. Property included in the new classification is assigned a rollback percentage of 86.25% for AY 2015. That percentage declines 3.75 percentage points each year through AY 2021. Beginning in AY 2022, the multiresidential classification is assigned a rollback equal to the residential rollback each assessment year. Provides for a public hearing on October 27, 2014.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 421.14.

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** Refer to LSA's fiscal note for 2013 SF 295.

The Department has indicated that reclassifying property as multiresidential will reduce local property tax revenues after FY 2016 when the impact created by the new classification is no longer reimbursed by the state General Fund.

LSA Response: Under the provisions of SF 295, the new multi-residential classification will be taxed at 95.0% of assessed value in FY 2015 and at 90.0% in FY 2016. In those two years local governments will be reimbursed for the property tax revenue reduction by the State General Fund.

Beginning in FY 2017, the new multi-residential classification will benefit from annual 3.75% reductions in the percent of assessed value subject to property tax. Beginning FY 2024, multi-residential property is taxed at the same percentage as residential each year.

State reimbursement only applies to property classified as commercial or industrial, so once the new multi-residential classification is established, the local government revenue reductions associated with multi-residential property will not be reimbursed. Schools will continue to receive reimbursement for the \$5.40 levy through the State school aid formula. In FY 2017, the revenue reduction to local governments caused by the 86.25% multi-residential rollback is estimated to be \$20.0 million. By FY 2024, when the multi-residential and residential property classes are taxed at the same percentage of assessed value, the local government projected revenue reduction is \$91.0 million.

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Labor Services Division

ARC 1634C

Rule Summary Permits certain utility boilers to be internally inspected once every four years and makes technical changes.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code section 89.14(10).

Fiscal Impact **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Medicine Board

- ARC 1632C**
- Rule Summary** Implements the licensing reciprocity provisions of the Home Base Iowa Act (2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116).
- Agency Stated Authority:** 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1116 (Home Base Iowa Act).
- Fiscal Impact** **Agency Response:** Minimal fiscal impact.
- LSA Response:** The LSA concurs.

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Pharmacy Board

- ARC 1653C**
- Rule Summary** Eliminates all references to the now expired extended deadline for national certification for pharmacy technicians and all references to “uncertified pharmacy technicians”.
- Agency Stated Authority:** Iowa Code sections [147.72](#), [147.107](#), [155A.6A](#), [155A.23](#), [155A.33](#), and [155A.39](#).

- Fiscal Impact** **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.
- LSA Response:** The LSA concurs.

- ARC 1652C**
- Rule Summary** Permits the delegation of immunization administration by an authorized pharmacist to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist. Provides definitions, requires continued cardiac life support certification, and outlines the actions that this protocol must contain.
- Agency Stated Authority:** Iowa Code sections [147.76](#) and [155A.6](#).

- Fiscal Impact** **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.
- LSA Response:** The LSA concurs.

- ARC 1647C**
- Rule Summary** Amendments effectively classify all hydrocodone containing products in schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act in conformance with recent changes by the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. The amendments also revise the notification process when a registrant has experienced a theft or loss of controlled substances.
- Agency Stated Authority:** Iowa Code section [124.201\(4\)](#) and [124.301](#).

- Fiscal Impact** **Agency Response:** No fiscal impact.
- LSA Response:** The LSA concurs.

- ARC 1651C**
- Rule Summary** Requires notification to Iowa patients when a nonresident pharmacy intends to cease business in Iowa. Prohibits a nonresident pharmacy from canceling its license as a means of avoiding disciplinary action. Requires a nonresident pharmacy engaged in

the compounding of sterile products to comply with rules in 657—Chapter 13 regulating the compounding of sterile products for Iowa patients.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 155A.13A and 155A.19.

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

ARC 1641C

Rule Summary Establishes rules implementing the licensing reciprocity provisions of the Home Base Iowa Act (2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116).

Agency Stated Authority: 2014 Iowa Acts chapter 1116 (Home Base Iowa Act).

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: Minimal fiscal impact.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau

ARC 1630C

Rule Summary Addresses the process that the Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau will use to provide credit toward licensure qualifications for military service, education, and training, and the procedures for expediting reciprocal and provisional licensure for veterans that are licensed in other states. The rules will establish the same procedure for all seven boards within the bureau.

Chapter 14 is promulgated as a result of the Home Base Iowa Act and requires all professional and occupational licensing boards, commissions, and other authorities that are subject to Iowa Code chapter 272C to adopt rules related to military service and veteran licensure by January 1, 2015.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 546.3 and 546.10.

Fiscal Impact Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State. As licensing fees will remain the same, there will be no additional cost to the State.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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Utilities Division

ARC 1623C

Rule Summary Makes changes in filing requirements for Competitive Natural Gas Providers (CNGPs) and provides a way to make contact with the Iowa Utilities Board to report utility incidents and outages:

- Removes specific filing requirements for CNGPs to allow the Board flexibility to streamline the process for compressed gas vehicle providers.
- Removes specific requirements for CNGP annual reports.
- Makes application forms for CNGPs available through the Board’s website.

- Encourages use of email for contacting the Duty Officer about incidents and outages. Telephone contact is encouraged as the second option.

The Board revised the noticed rule based upon comments by inserting minimum filing requirements for all CNGPs and minimum reporting requirements for the annual reports filed by CNGPs to comply with Iowa Code section 17A.4.

Agency Stated Authority: Iowa Code sections 17A.4, 476.86, and 476.87.

Fiscal Impact

Agency Response: No fiscal impact to the State. There should be no change in costs to the State since persons must already file to get a certificate under statute.

LSA Response: The LSA concurs.

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