

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Rules Review Committee
 FROM: Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency
 DATE: June 28, 2004
 RE: Fiscal Impact of Agency Administrative Rules

Section 17A.4(3) Iowa Code Supplement 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). This memorandum provides an overview of the fiscal impact of the rules presented by the agencies for the July 8, 2004 ARRC meeting.

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Administrative Services Department		LSA Contact: Ron Robinson 1-6256
ARC 3415B	<p>The amendments incorporate rules on the procurement of information technology and printing into the Department's present Chapter of rules for purchasing and updates rules on services of the Printing Division that do not relate to procurement.</p> <p>The rules also change the pre-approval process for acquiring information technology and vendor notification.</p> <p>Rules relating to purchasing preferences for Iowa-based products and services are amended.</p>	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3432B	The new definition of State agency in Chapter 8A, <u>Code of Iowa</u> , specifically exempts elected officials, the Legislative and Judicial Branches, and political subdivisions from Department rules. Also included are purchasing standards for service contracts.	Fiscal impact cannot be determined.
Agriculture and Land Stewardship		LSA Contact: Deb Kozel 1-6767
ARC 3414B	Requires a feeder pig dealer to provide a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit as a secured asset for the recovery of damages incurred by a purchaser of sick or diseased pigs. Rescinds the previous rule. The rulemaking is being filed both emergency and under notice.	Minimal fiscal impact. A secured asset is already required.
ARC 3413B	Emergency filing. Same as above.	Minimal fiscal impact.

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Architectural Examining Board (Dept. of Commerce)		LSA Contact: Ron Robinson 1-6256
ARC 3394B	The rule clarifies the Board's processes for reinstatement of a lapsed registration and the continuing education hours required for reinstatement.	No fiscal impact.
Attorney General		LSA Contact: Beth Lenstra 1-6301
ARC 3395B	Conforms the rules to statutory changes in regards to insurance in consumer credit transactions.	Minimal fiscal impact.
College Student Aid Commission		LSA Contact: Mary Shipman 1-4617
ARC 3431B	The proposed amendments to Chapter 12, "Iowa Tuition Grant Program," modify the requirements colleges and universities must meet to be eligible to participate in the Tuition Grant Program as mandated by the Iowa General Assembly. The changes require participating colleges and universities to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or have been eligible to participate during the 2003-04 academic year), and provide matching institutional funds as specified by the Iowa law.	No fiscal impact.
Educational Examiners Board		LSA Contact: Robin Madison 1-5270
ARC3418B	Reduces required semester hours for content requirement for driver education endorsement.	No fiscal impact.
ARC3417B	Modifies K-6 and 7-12 reading endorsements to reflect current national standards and performance competencies.	No fiscal impact to the State. Individual teacher candidates may pay more tuition due to the increase in semester hour requirements.
ARC3419B	Eliminates references to post-secondary licensure and updates wording to include "career and technical," rather than "occupational and vocational."	No fiscal impact.
Department of Education		LSA Contact: Robin Madison 1-5270
ARC 3435B	Updates existing rules related to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and moves written guidelines, policies, and procedures into rule form.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3436B	Clarifies that certain AEA-employed teachers may be eligible for the National Board Certification financial incentives.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3384B	Rescinds Ch. 70, AEA Media Centers, which is now duplicated in Ch. 72, Accreditation Standards for Area Education Agencies. (Same as ARC 3265B, April 2004.)	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3385B	Rescinds Ch. 71, AEA Educational	No fiscal impact.

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	Services, which is now duplicated in Ch. 72, Accreditation Standards for Area Education Agencies. (Same as ARC 3266B, April 2004.)	
Environmental Protection Commission (Dept. Natural Resources)		LSA Contact: Deb Kozel 1-6767
ARC 3399B	Provides a property tax exemption for personal property or improvements to real property for the conversion of wastepaper, waste paperboard, waste plastic, or waste wood products into new raw materials or products.	Minimal fiscal impact. The Department estimates the cost is for staff time to process the forms at \$2,500 for FY 2005.
ARC 3408B	Revises existing requirements for composting yard waste, food residuals and agricultural waste, and storm water management.	Minimal fiscal impact.
ARC 3397B	<p>Provides rules for land farming of petroleum contaminated soil (PCS) and for land application of waste other than PCS. The Land farming rules create two new types of permits, including a single land farm applicator permit and a multi-use land farm permit.</p> <p>Land farming is aboveground remediation used to reduce petroleum concentrations in soil.</p>	<p>The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates there are 1,000 applications of PCS land farmed in Iowa per year. Department expenses are estimated at \$75,000 and 1.5 FTE positions per year with funding from landfill tonnage fees. Expenses incurred by land farming companies include:</p> <p>Assumptions: Multi-use permit costs are estimated at \$4,000 (40 hours of a consultant's time @ \$100 per hour) and \$120 for a single-use permit (4 hours @ \$30 per hour). Estimated chemical testing costs are \$100 per application and \$330 for average operating costs (4 hours @ \$30 per hour).</p> <p>First year costs = \$482,000: \$40,000 = \$4,000 per multi-use land farm permit application x 10 applications. \$12,000 = \$120 per single-use land farm applicator permit x 100 applications. \$430,000 = \$430 in testing/operating costs per land application of PCS times 1,000 land-applications.</p> <p>Subsequent year costs = \$430,000: \$430 in testing/operating costs per land application of PCS x 1,000 applications.</p>
ARC 3409B	Rescinds three rule chapters to implement HF 2549 (Waste Tire Management Fund Act) passed by the 2004 General Assembly. Changes programs that receive funding.	No fiscal impact.
Historical Division (Dept. of Cultural Affairs)		LSA Contact: Robin Madison 1-5270
ARC 3425B	Clarifies and simplifies rules related to administration and organization of Historical Division.	No fiscal impact.

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ARC 3423B	Clarifies rules related to the Fair Information Practices of the State Archives.	No fiscal impact. No new requirements are placed on the public.
ARC 3424B	Clarifies public access policies of the State Historical Library and State Archives.	No fiscal impact. No new requirements are placed on the public.
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Div. (Dept. of Public Defense)		LSA Contact: Jennifer Acton 1-7846
ARC 3390B ARC 3391B	Provides for an increase in the wireless E911 surcharge rate to \$0.65 per month, per wireless phone as passed by the General Assembly in SF 2298 (FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act) and signed by the Governor on May 17, 2004. The new rate will go into effect on July 1, 2004.	The overall fiscal impact is an increase of \$2.3 million in FY 2005, which is generated from a \$0.15 monthly surcharge increase charged to wireless phone subscribers. The current \$0.50 surcharge generates \$7.8 million annually based on 1.3 million subscribers. The proposed \$0.65 surcharge will generate \$10.1 million annually in FY 2005 based on 1.3 million subscribers and \$10.9 million annually in FY 2006 based on 1.4 million subscribers. All funds collected will be expended within the fiscal year.
Department of Human Services		LSA Contact: Sue Lerdal 1-7794, Lisa Burk 1-7942, Jennifer Vermeer 1-4611
ARC 3386B	Eliminates one appeal option for client treatment within the DHS Sexual Predator Commitment Program.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3437B	This rule adds coverage for a new State Supplementary Assistance (SSA) group. These individuals are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid currently pays 100% State funds for the Medicare premium for this group. Adding coverage under the SSA program will allow federal matching funds to be drawn down for the Medicare premium. This change is pursuant to HF 2134 (Medicaid Savings Act).	Estimated net savings of \$2.6 million in FY 2004 and \$3.5 million in FY 2005. This change allows approximately 6,200 recipients who are 100.0% State funded to become eligible for the SSA Program, which then allows them to qualify for federal matching funds. The 6,200 recipients will be paid \$1 per person per month from the SSA Program. The payments will cost approximately \$74,000 in State funds. In addition, there will be an increased administrative cost of \$13,000 State Funds. The estimated savings in the Medicaid Buy-in Program is \$3.6 million in FY 2005, due to the increased federal matching funds. The appropriations for each of these items were adjusted in the FY 2005 budget to reflect these changes, and the estimated net savings were incorporated in FY 2005 estimates.
ARC 3438B	Various rule changes affecting the six Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers.	No fiscal impact. The changes are expected to increase access to the waivers for some individuals. However, since enrollment in the waivers and waiver expenditures per person are capped, the changes are not anticipated to increase costs in the waiver program as a whole.
ARC 3439B	Allows dental services provided to Medicaid eligible pregnant women in a	Minimal fiscal impact. Currently, dental services are covered by Medicaid in some

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	Maternal Health Center to be reimbursed under the Medicaid Program.	circumstances as an exception to policy. This change will expand dental coverage to all Medicaid eligible women at Maternal Health Centers. It is estimated that the increase in services will have a cost of approximately \$5,000 in State funds in FY 2005.
ARC 3389B ARC 3387B	Revisions move information specific to childcare from Chapter 130 to Chapter 170. Also, revises Chapter 170 to update the fee schedule with annual poverty level changes and replaces the monthly gross income table with the percentage guidelines.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3388B	Changes requirements for group care therapy and counseling for various levels of group care (community, comprehensive, and enhanced). Under current rules, there is an "average weekly requirement," under the proposed rules, the number of hours of therapy and counseling required is based on the number of days in the calendar month that the child is present in the facility. In addition, the rules describe how overpayments are calculated.	Fiscal impact cannot be determined; however, any change in recoupment of overpayments impacts funding available for serving children and families in the child welfare and juvenile justice system.
Department of Inspections and Appeals		LSA Contact: Doug Wulf 1-3250
ARC 3392B	The proposed amendments update the department's administrative rules to reflect changes made in the federal Medicare conditions of participation regarding Critical Access Hospitals. The federal requirements permit these hospitals to increase the number of acute care inpatient beds from 15 to 25. This permissive change will impact 58 hospitals in the state of Iowa.	No fiscal impact. The change permitted under adoption of the state's administrative rules allows critical access hospitals to increase the number of acute care inpatient beds and does not require such action.
Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)		LSA Contact: Ron Robinson 1-6256
ARC 3427B	The purpose of this proposed rule making is to rescind various rules, the content of which is contained in new 495. Differences between the rescinded rules and the rules in new Chapter include: 1. Clarifies that IPERS is not required to provide benefits for periods of service prior to the date that IPERS actually receives notice from the employer, unless the employer agrees to pay the full actuarial cost of providing such benefits. 2. Establishes the requirement that beginning December 31, 2004, employers whose classes include correctional officers, correctional supervisors, and others whose primary purpose is, through ongoing direct inmate contact, to enforce and maintain	Fiscal impact cannot be determined.

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	<p>discipline within a correctional facility submit at the end of each calendar year a list of jobs that qualify for protection occupation class coverage.</p> <p>3. Implements the statutory contribution rates for special service members recommended by IPERS' actuary pursuant to Iowa Code sections 97B.49B and 97B.49C.</p>	
<p>ARC 3445B and 3446B</p>	<p>The amendment establishes the new contribution rates for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs and changes the cost distribution for the contribution rates of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs effective July 1, 2004. This proposed amendment is made to comply with changes in prior filed rules required by HF 2262 (FY 2004 Public Pensions Act).</p>	<p>Fiscal impact cannot be determined. The amount of wages that will be paid through each fiscal year is not fully known until the end of the fiscal year. The number of employees in each class is also not fully known until the end of the fiscal year. The Fiscal Note for HF 2262 estimated the impact as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airport firefighters in the Protection Occupation class will result in the following contribution changes: The combined employer and employee rate will increase from 12.76% to 15.39% of covered wage beginning in FY 2005. The employer will pay 9.23%, an increase of 1.57% or a total State increase of \$41,000 for all airport firefighters. The employees will pay 6.16%, an increase of 1.06% or \$28,000 for all airport firefighter employees. The average employee will contribute an estimated additional \$500 beginning in FY 2005. 2. Changing the retirement age for sheriffs and sheriffs' deputies and the distribution of the contributions between employers and employees will result in the following contribution changes: The combined employer and employee rate will increase from 12.76% to 16.83% of covered wage by the completion of the phase-in for FY 2009. The employer will pay 8.415%, an increase of 0.755% or \$652,000, and the employees will pay 8.415%, an increase of 3.315% or \$2.9 million by the completion of the phase-in for FY 2009. The average employee will contribute an estimated additional \$1,800 by the completion of the phase-in for FY 2009. Lower paid employees will pay less and higher paid employee will pay more. The employers will contribute an additional average of \$400 annually for each employee by the completion of the phase-in for FY 2009.

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Labor Services Division (Dept. Workforce Dev.)		LSA Contact: Russ Trimble 1-4613
ARC 3429B	<p>Adopts by reference, changes to federal occupational safety and health regulations. Adoption confers a benefit, removes a restriction and is required by state statute and federal administrative rules.</p> <p>The changes relate to respiratory protection for tuberculosis, commercial diving operations, and record keeping for musculoskeletal disorders. The federal standard changes create an alternative set of guidelines for decompression chambers in commercial diving, revoke the respiratory protection standard relating to tuberculosis, and delete two record-keeping provisions whose implementation was previously delayed.</p>	Minimal to no fiscal impact.
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy		LSA Contact: Jennifer Acton 1-7846
ARC 3393B	Clarifies that ILEA certified law enforcement instructors are serving as active status peace officers. This rule will allow instructors to conduct background investigations as required in Section 80B.11D, <u>Code of Iowa</u> . This rule will also require ILEA certified law enforcement instructors to meet all requirements of 501 IAC.	Minimal fiscal impact. This rule would require ILEA law enforcement instructors to conduct background investigations on sponsored but not yet hired individuals. Any cost increase would be charged in tuition to those attending the Academy training. This rule would also require instructors to meet continuing education and in-service requirements outlined in 501 IAC. Additional costs for this are anticipated to be minimal.
Medical Examiners Board (Dept. of Public Health)		LSA Contact: Lisa Burk 1-7942
ARC 3422B	Proposed amendments establish or revise fees and establish repayment receipts as defined in Section 8.2, <u>Code of Iowa</u> . The fees collected from an acupuncturist or a physician for a duplicate wall certificate or renewal card will be considered a repayment receipt. The elements of the data lists and the fees will be changed to provide all data elements and eliminate customized lists and the additional costs. The Board may request a report from the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank regarding an applicant or licensee.	Minimal fiscal impact. The cost of obtaining the report is included within the licensure fees and the portion of the fee spent to obtain that report will be considered a repayment receipt. The Board may negotiate in a settlement agreement a provision for payment of \$100 per quarter to cover the Board's expenses in monitoring a licensee's compliance with the settlement agreement, and this fee will also be considered a repayment receipt.
ARC 3420B	Proposed amendments require applicants for licensure to submit a completed fingerprint packet and fee for the evaluation of the packet and the criminal history background checks conducted by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The fee is to be considered a repayment	Minimal fiscal impact. Approximately 800 physicians per year will seek licensure that will require submission of a \$46.00 fee that will generate \$37,000, which will be used to offset the DCI, ITE, and FBI fees, as well as the cost of additional staff to conduct the checks.

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	<p>receipt as defined in Section 8.2, <u>Code of Iowa</u>.</p> <p>The amendment applies to those seeking initial permanent physician licensure, resident physician licensure, special physician or temporary licensure for emergency purposes, or reinstatement of a permanent license.</p> <p>Also, sets forth requirements for situations when all materials are not received from the applicant, and when the fingerprints submitted are determined to be unacceptable.</p>	
ARC 3421B	Proposed amendment adds a registered pharmacist-intern to the list of those to whom an authorized pharmacist may delegate the administration of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to adults. An authorized pharmacist is required to provide direct personal supervision when delegating such administration to a registered pharmacist-intern.	No fiscal impact.
Department of Natural Resources		LSA Contact: Deb Kozel 1-6767
ARC 3398B	Updates rules with form numbers used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boat registration • bonding of all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles • bonding of vessels • accident reports/registration displays for all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles 	Minimal fiscal impact.
ARC 3407B	Establishes areas at Red Rock Lake as no anchoring areas.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3402B	Prohibits the mooring of vessels on riparian property between the hours of sunset and sunrise, where designated by the DNR.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3401B	Updates testing requirements for motorboat noise levels by adopting United States Coast Guard testing standards.	Minimal fiscal impact.
ARC 3406B	Changes the daily deadline for decoy removal at game management areas.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3405B	Establishes rules for controlled hunting at the Lake Odessa wildlife management area.	Minimal fiscal impact.
ARC 3400B	Increases the cabin rental fee for renovated cabins at Lake Darling and Palisades-Kepler State Parks. Establishes a cabin rental fee for cabin 13 at Lake Wapello State Park.	Minimal fiscal impact.
ARC 3403B	Protects private landowners that voluntarily implement conservation measures for listed plant and animal species.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3404B	Establishes rules for the fall wild turkey	Minimal fiscal impact.

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	hunting season. Increases the number of permits by 1,325 for a total of 8,700.	
ARC 3357B	<p>Establishes the Nature Store that allows the DNR to sell merchandise, via a private contractor.</p> <p>Authority to develop the Nature Store:</p> <p>Charter Agency agreement on page 3, line 10: May actively market program-related goods and services to lowans and seek alternate and innovative revenue sources.</p> <p><u>Code of Iowa</u> Authority: The Department is proposing Chapter 561-11 pursuant to the general authority of section 456A.24(5) of the <u>Code of Iowa</u> which gives the department the authority to adopt rules relating the governing procedures of the department in order to carry out the purposes of Chapter 456A. The Department believes that the concept of an Iowa Nature Store, used to promote the appropriate use and preservation of Iowa's natural resources, is in conformity with the Department's mission as stated at section 455A.2 and the duties of the Natural Resource Commission as stated at section 461A.2. This program also compliments the promotion program required by section 461A.79(3) of the <u>Code of Iowa</u>, which requires the advertising and promotion of recreational facilities and tourist attractions in the state. Additionally, section 455A.9 authorizes the Department to establish a fee schedule for publications of the Department and this authority acts as a basis for the sale of the publications, which the department intends to offer for sale through the Nature Store.</p>	<p>FY 2004 expenditures are estimated at \$30,000 to set up Nature Store, contractor and acquire some product inventory. Funding is from the Charter Agency revolving loan fund. First year sales are estimated at \$90,000 with 30% profit to the DNR. Profits will pay off a \$30,000 loan. Estimates contractor will receive 25% of the profits or \$22,500. Sales estimates for FY 2006 are \$150,000 with the same percentage breakdown for profits. The DNR will use profits to expand inventory and make Nature Store improvements. Additional profits will be used for programs in need of supplemental funding, or programs where profits from specific products are advertised to support.</p>
Board of Parole		LSA Contact: Beth Lenstra 1-6301
ARC 3444B	Updates the rules to correct internal references to the <u>Code of Iowa</u> , and brings the Board's rules into compliance with the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure.	No fiscal impact.
Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum UST Fund Board		LSA Contact: Jeff Robinson 1-4614
ARC 3308B	The rule acknowledges authority granted in statute to pursue a transfer of liabilities to terminate or move toward termination of the program.	The fiscal impact of this rule cannot be determined until after the proposed authority is exercised, if it ever is. The potential fiscal impacts could be positive, negative or zero based on any transaction entered into or explored since there are so many variables (timing of transaction, effectiveness of negotiation of agreement, costs of evaluating proposals, etc.).

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		Any expenditure would come from the current reserves and statutory future cash flows, so that there would be no direct fiscal impact to the State, other than the timing of payments out of the UST Funds and future cash flows.
Pharmacy Examiners Board (Dept. Public Health)		LSA Contact: Lisa Burk 1-7942
ARC 3416B	<p>Proposed amendments increase penalty fees assessed for failure to renew a license to practice pharmacy, operate a pharmacy, distribute prescription drugs at wholesale in Iowa, permit to receive or distribute precursor substances, a registration to manufacture, distribute, dispense, prescribe, or otherwise handle controlled substances in Iowa, and renew pharmacy technician registrations in a timely manner.</p> <p>Also, increases fees related to the issuance of new and renewed pharmacist licenses processed between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005, including examination, reexamination, and license transfer processing fees. The proposed amendments increase the fee for additional original pharmacy license certificates and provide that the fee be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Section 8.2, <u>Code of Iowa</u>.</p> <p>Amendments also propose increasing fees related to the issuance of new and renewed pharmacy and wholesale drug licenses, new and renewed pharmacy technician and controlled substances registrations, and new and renewed precursor substances permits processed between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005.</p>	<p>Fiscal impact cannot be determined. However, any additional revenues generated from this increase are not expected to be significant. These penalty fees are deposited into the General Fund.</p> <p>Implements SF 2298 (FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act), Section 102(10)(i), which authorizes the Board to retain and expend 90.0% of revenues generated from any fee increase in FY 2005 for purposes related to the Board's duties, including 6.0 additional FTE positions for investigators. The remaining 10.0% of additional revenue will be deposited into the General Fund.</p> <p>It is estimated that the increase will result in a total of \$814,000 in additional revenue, including \$733,000 (90.0%) for the Board and \$81,000 (10.0%) for the General Fund.</p>
Professional Licensure Division (Dept. Public Health)		LSA Contact: Lisa Burk 1-7942
ARC 3383B	Chiropractic Examiners - Amends continuing education for chiropractic physicians to allow chiropractors additional time to take continuing education in acupuncture for those that provide this service.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3434B	Massage Therapy Examiners - The proposed amendments adopt criteria for the conduct of persons in public meetings, notifying the Board on address and name changes, licensure renewal, licensee discipline, clarifying the education curriculum, how to obtain licenses and duplicates, and fees associated with	Minimal fiscal impact for licensees, if duplicate cards and certificates are issued.

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	duplicate and reissued wallet cards and certificates.	
ARC 3382B	Social Work Examiners - The proposed amendments remind licensees of responsibilities relating to license renewal even if they do not receive renewal application and changes the way continuing education will be reported and audited.	No fiscal impact.
Department of Public Health		LSA Contact: Lisa Burk 1-7942
ARC 3412B	<p>Details the activities and responsibilities of the Birth Defects Institute and the Institute's programs, as well as the responsibilities of health care providers, birthing hospitals or birthing centers, and laboratories in complying with program activities and functions.</p> <p>Also, implements changes required by HF 2362 (Stillbirth Reporting Act), including renaming the Institute to the Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders. Amendments also detail the sharing of information and confidentiality of the Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Program records and reports, modify the newborn metabolic specimen retention policy, and rename the Iowa Birth Defects Registry to the Iowa Congenital and Inherited Disorders Registry.</p>	No fiscal impact.
Records Commission		LSA Contact: Robin Madison 1-5270
ARC 3426B	Clarifies procedures for State agencies responsible for governmental records.	No fiscal impact.
Board of Regents		LSA Contact: Mary Shipman 1-4617
ARC 3433B	Removes references to specific dollar amount of fees.	No fiscal impact.
State Public Defender (Dept. of Inspections and Appeals)		LSA Contact: Beth Lenstra 1-6301
ARC 3443B	Conforms the rules to statutory changes in HF 2138 (State Public Defender Practices Act) or reflects current practice.	No significant fiscal impact.
Department of Transportation		LSA Contact: Mary Beth Mellick 1-8223
ARC 3430B	Amends Chapter 911 to meet Federal Regulations relating to regional transit vehicles used to transport students under contracts with public schools. Clarifies that dispatchers need only be subject to federally mandated drug and alcohol testing if they actually control the movement of vehicles (as in the case of a rail dispatcher).	<p>Minimal fiscal impact. Depending on how local transit systems interpreted the rule previously, the number of annual drug and alcohol tests could be reduced, for a cost-savings of between \$75 and \$150 annually per system (12 participating regional transit systems could be affected).</p> <p>The new standards for wheelchair lifts may increase the cost of new lift-equipped</p>

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	Establishes new standards for wheelchair lifts, effective December 2004.	buses by between \$200 and \$400 annually per bus (between 15 and 20 vehicles could be affected).
Utilities' Division (Dept. of Commerce)		LSA Contact: Ron Robinson 1-6256
ARC 3441B	The proposed amendments make changes to the Utilities Board consumer service rules for natural gas and electric service. Some of the changes are updates and clarification. The major substantive proposed amendment is to require a utility to offer a second payment agreement to a customer who has defaulted on a first payment agreement if the customer has paid a certain amount on the first agreement.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3410B	The proposed amendments update the Board's purchased gas adjustment rules and reserve margin rules. The rules will allow more flexibility in the recovery of the cost of gas and allow the utilities to use a forecasted peak day calculation to establish a reserve margin.	No fiscal impact.
ARC 3411B	The amendment deals with granting eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status to wireless telecommunications carriers based on their certification from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and establishing filing procedures and service quality requirements for wireless carriers that seek and receive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status.	No fiscal impact.
Voter Registration Commission		LSA Contact: Doug Wulf 1-3250
ARC 3428B	These amendments are intended to implement requirements of the Federal Help America Vote Act of 2003 and related changes to the <u>Code of Iowa</u> .	Minimal fiscal impact.
Worker's Compensation Division		LSA Contact: Russ Trimble 1-4613
ARC 3396B	Modifies the existing rule on the requirements for filing required reports for work-related injuries.	No fiscal impact.

Please contact the LSA analyst listed for each rule, Jennifer Vermeer (281-4611), or Tim Faller (281-4615) if you have any questions.

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