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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY		CONTACT PERSON YVONNE LAIRD	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-732-6038	
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EMAIL director@msbmt.state.ms.us	SUBMIT DATE 1/27/2026	Name or number of rule(s): Rule 2.2.A Fines and Penalties; Rule 4.2 Educational Requirements; Rule 9.1 Instructor Qualifications; Rule 10.1 Continuing Education Requirements		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: **Clarify fine violations; Correct total school hours; Correct school hours under instructor qualifications; Require human trafficking training as a required category for continuing education credit towards renewal**

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 73-67-17, 73-67-27, 73-67-35

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: **Rule 2.2, Rule 4.2, Rule 9.1, & Rule 10.1**

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) _____ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: 9/30/2025 Action taken: ☒ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: ☒ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Yvonne Laird, Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: [Signature]

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to issue a resolution regarding the approval or denial of specific rules submitted for its review: **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW COMMISSION**, that the following rules shall be known to have been approved by the Commission at a duly called meeting of its members on December 12, 2025, and may now be filed as final with the Secretary of State's Office for inclusion in the Mississippi Administrative Code:

- Mississippi State Board of Optometry
 - 30 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 2901, Chapters 1-12, Rules 2.2A, 1.9, 2.1, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 4.2, 5.1, 10.1 – Proposed revision to existing rules to (1) use least restrictive regulation necessary to protect consumers from present, significant and substantiated harms that threaten public health and safety while increasing economic opportunities for all of its citizens; (2) bring forth current formatting requirements; (3) public participation in meetings; (4) fee change; and (5) AED requirements.
- Mississippi Board of Pharmacy
 - 30 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 3002, Ch. 8 -*Administrative Rules*: Proposed amendment to the Administrative Rules to include a new Chapter 8, regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director and Associate Director.
- Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy
 - 30 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 2501, Chapters 10, Rules 2.2A, 4.2, 9.1, 10.1, and Rule 10.2- Amendment to existing regulation to clarify fine violations; correct total school hours; correct school hours under instructor qualifications; require human trafficking training as a required category for continuing education credit towards renewal.
- Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
 - 30 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 2201, Chapter 4, Rule 4.3 – *Requirements to Become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)*: Proposed change to existing regulation to remove confusing language regarding supervision ratios.
- Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure
 - 30 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 2610, Chapter 2 – *Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements*: Proposed revision of the section of the rules related to continuing medical education (CME). The Board is amending the rules to update requirements regarding CME related to prescribing controlled substances, the maintenance and production of CME by way of a board-approved tracking software, and to update the general layout and example timeframe.