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## Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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Office of the President of the Senate  
The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
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**RE: Rule-Making Summary Report for Calendar Year 2015**

Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 49:968(K), the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board) hereby submits the following report regarding its rule-making actions during calendar year 2015. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the Board—the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

In 2015, the LPC Board submitted a Notice of Intent for publication in the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The Board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). Additionally, neither the House nor Senate Health and Welfare Committee called for a hearing regarding this rule. Consequently, the final rule was published in the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

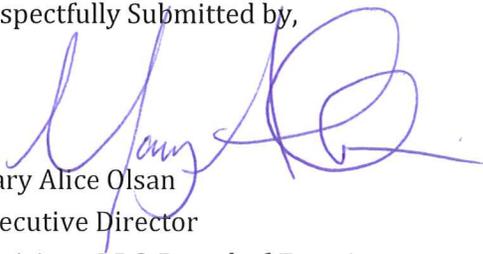
The primary purpose of the rule was to establish baseline regulation of provisional licenses and provisional licensees. Prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Board did not issue provisional licenses and instead issued registrations. This significant change resulted in the need for a nearly comprehensive revision of rule. The final rule codified statutory requirements made necessary by the adoption of Act 173 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and by Acts 484 and 736 of the 2014 Regular Session.

Specifically, the rule change provided for requirements and fees associated with provisional licensure and renewal of provisional licensure as a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) or a Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PLMFT), for supervisory requirements of provisional licensees, for certain definitions and conditions of professional practice, and for disciplinary actions. Persons affected by the proposed rule were those applicants who previously applied for registration as a Counselor Intern or Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Intern. This population is primarily composed of recent graduates seeking registration (now provisional licensure) to begin their supervised experience needed for full licensure as a LPC or LMFT.

The process, amount of documentation needed, and cost to apply for a provisional license is equal to the previous process, amount of documentation needed, and cost to apply for a registration. Additionally, given that no renewal process or fee existed for a registrant previously, the rule also resulted in additional costs, time, and documentation for PLPCs and PLMFTs. Specifically, the provisional licensees have to submit a renewal application and renewal fee of \$85 every two (2) years and documentation of continuing education hours (CEHs) *if audited* every two (2) years. Finally, all Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) realized an increase of \$20 for their licensure renewal fee every two years or a renewal fee change from \$150 to \$170 as a result of this rule change.

Please contact me if the LPC Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this report. Thank you for your time dedication to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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