

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 48. WILDLIFE SERVICES

(A) **PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The purpose of the proposed permanent rule amendments is to revise the Department's rules to avoid conflict with the Oklahoma Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act, 59 O.S. § 4100 et seq., that require expedited professional licensing and certification for active duty military and their spouses. The proposed permanent rule amendments also provide for the automatic renewal of professional licenses and certifications and the waiver of fees and continuing education during deployment of active duty military.

(B) **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**

The proposed permanent rule amendments primarily affect persons who are members of the United States Armed Forces.

(C) **PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**

Persons who are members of the United States Armed Forces will benefit from the proposed permanent rule amendments.

(D) **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:**

The proposed permanent rule amendments will mitigate the hardship on active duty military and their spouses of acquiring and maintaining professional licensing and certification necessary for employment when transferred to a new duty station within Oklahoma or on deployment while residing in Oklahoma.

(E) **PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No cost, benefit, or source of revenue is anticipated by the proposed permanent rule amendments.

(F) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed permanent rule amendments.

(G) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

Any adverse impacts on small businesses will be negligible.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No less costly or non-regulatory method is available.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed permanent rule amendments are intended to avoid violation of state law and to avoid serious prejudice to the public interest by mitigating the hardship on active duty military and their spouses of acquiring and maintaining professional licensing and certification necessary for employment when transferred to a new duty station within Oklahoma or on deployment while residing in Oklahoma.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

No adverse effect upon the public health, safety, or environment is anticipated with the implementation of the proposed permanent rule amendments.

(K) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

December 28, 2017.