Dear Senators MARTIN, Souza, Jordan, and Representatives WOOD, Wagoner, Chew:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators:
IDAPA 24.19.01 - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-1901-2000F).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 11/03/2020. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 12/01/2020.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee

FROM: Legislative Drafting Attorney - Matt Drake

DATE: October 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators

IDAPA 24.19.01 - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-1901-2000F)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses submits notice of proposed fee rule. According to the Division, the rulemaking republishes the temporary rule chapter that was previously submitted under IDAPA 24.19.01, Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators. The Division states that the fee rules do not impose a fee or charge, or increase a fee or charge, beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the Legislature in the prior rules.

Negotiated Rulemaking/Fiscal Impact

The Division notes that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because engaging in negotiated rulemaking for all previously existing rules would inhibit the Division’s ability to serve the citizens of Idaho and to protect their health, safety, and welfare. The Division also confirms that the rulemaking is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the general fund.

Statutory Authority

The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 54-4205, Idaho Code.

cc: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators
   Russ Barron

*** PLEASE NOTE ***
Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: 1) Approve the docket in its entirety; 2) Reject the docket in its entirety; or 3) Reject the docket in part.
AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 54-4205, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Opportunity for presentation of oral comments concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled in accordance with Section 67-5222, Idaho Code.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is the required finding and concise statement of the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This proposed rulemaking re-publishes the following existing temporary rule chapter previously submitted to and reviewed by the Idaho Legislature under IDAPA 24.19.01, rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators:

IDAPA 24.19
• 24.19.01, Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators.

FEE SUMMARY: This rulemaking does not impose a fee or charge, or increase a fee or charge, beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the Idaho Legislature in the prior rules. Fees are established in accordance with Sections 54-4205 and 54-4206, Idaho Code, as follows:

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FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) during the fiscal year: This rulemaking is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state general fund because the FY2021 budget has already been set by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor, anticipating the existence of the rules and fees being reauthorized by this rulemaking.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not feasible because engaging in negotiated rulemaking for all previously existing rules will inhibit the agency from carrying out its ability to serve the citizens of Idaho and to protect their health, safety, and welfare.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, incorporated material may be obtained or electronically accessed as provided in the text of the proposed rules attached hereto.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Rob McQuade at (208) 334-3233.
Anyone may submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this Notice in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin. Oral presentation of comments may be requested pursuant to Section 67-5222(2), Idaho Code, and must be delivered to the undersigned within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2020.

Russell Barron
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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.
These rules are hereby prescribed and established pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators by the provisions of Section 54-4205, Idaho Code.

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.
These rules are titled IDAPA 24.19.01, “Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators.”

002. – 003. (RESERVED)

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.
The document titled “ACHCA Code of Ethics,” published by the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) as referenced in Section 650, is herein incorporated by reference and is available from the Board’s office and on the Board web site.

005. – 099. (RESERVED)

100. APPLICATIONS.
Applications will be on forms approved by the Board. No application will be considered for any action unless accompanied by the appropriate fees and until the required supporting documentation is received by the Division. If an applicant fails to respond to a Board request or an application has lacked activity for twelve (12) consecutive months, the application on file with the Board will be deemed denied and will be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice, unless good cause is established to the Board.

101. – 149. (RESERVED)

150. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE.
Each applicant for an administrator’s license must submit proof, along with their application, that said individual is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and meets all the following qualifications for the issuance of a license:

01. Good Moral Character. The applicant must submit a criminal background check by an entity approved by the Board establishing that the applicant has not been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere or received a withheld judgment for a felony or any crime involving dishonesty or the health or safety of a person.

02. Education and Experience. The applicant must document one (1) of the combinations of education and experience in accordance with Section 54-4206, Idaho Code, and Subsection 400 of these rules.

03. Coursework. The applicant must document completion of a specialized course or program of study as set forth in Subsection 400 of these rules.

04. Examination. The applicant must submit proof of successful passage of a relevant examination as approved by the Board and defined in Subsection 300 of these rules.

151. – 159. (RESERVED)

160. NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE.
Any applicant who holds a valid Idaho nursing home administrator license must meet the requirements provided in Section 54-4211(2), Idaho Code, and must take and pass the Board-approved residential care administrator examination. This requirement may be waived if the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the Board that he has at least one (1) year of leadership or management experience working in a residential care facility or nursing home facility within the five (5) years preceding the application.

161. – 199. (RESERVED)

200. BOARD MEETINGS -- DATES -- PLACES.

01. Board Meeting Dates. The Board meets at least semi-annually at such time and place as determined by the Board.
02. Dates and Places May be Changed. Dates and places of board meetings may be changed by the action of the majority of the Board and advance public notice given.

201. -- 299. (RESERVED)

300. EXAMINATIONS.

01. Examination. The Board approves the following examinations for licensure:

a. The Residential Care Facility Administrators examination developed and administered by the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB) and an open book examination of law and rules governing residential care administrators in Idaho. The passing score for the NAB examination is determined by NAB. An applicant for examination is required to register with NAB and pay any required examination fees directly to NAB. The passing score for the open book examination is seventy-five percent (75%).

b. Other examinations as approved by the Board.

301. -- 399. (RESERVED)

400. EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

01. Approved Course.

a. The Certification Program for Residential Care Facility Administrators course, administered by the Idaho Health Care Association (IHCA)/Idaho Center for Assisted Living (ICAL), are approved courses of study to qualify for licensure.

b. Any Certification Program for Residential Care Facility Administrators provided by a state or national Residential Care Facility Administrator organization or a nationally or regionally accredited college or university must be an approved course of study to qualify for licensure.

02. Approval of Other Courses. Applicants may, in lieu of completion of the Certification Program for Residential Care Facility Administrators, submit official documentation of successful completion of relevant courses. These courses must be approved by the Board before equivalency will be given.

401. CONTINUING EDUCATION.

01. Minimum Hours Required. Applicants for annual renewal or reinstatement are required to complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education courses within the preceding twelve-month (12) period. Basic First Aid, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, medication assistance, or fire safety courses will not be considered for continuing education credit.

02. Course Approval. Courses of study relevant to residential care facility administration and sponsored or provided by the following entities or organizations are approved for continuing education credits:

a. Accredited colleges or universities.

b. Federal, state or local government entities.

c. National or state associations.

d. Otherwise approved by the Board based upon documentation submitted by the licensee or course provider reviewing the nature and subject of the course and its relevancy to residential care administration, name of instructor(s) and their qualifications, date, time and location of the course and procedures for verification of
03. **Credit.** Continuing education credit will only be given for actual time in attendance or for the time spent participating in the educational activity. One (1) hour of continuing education is equal to sixty (60) minutes. Courses taken by correspondence or by computer on-line may be approved for continuing education if the courses require an exam or other proof of successful completion. Each licensee must maintain proof of attendance or successful completion documentation of all continuing education courses for a period of three (3) years.

04. **Special Exemption.** The Board has authority to make exceptions for reasons of individual hardship, including health, when certified by a medical doctor, or other good cause. The licensee must provide any information requested by the Board to assist in substantiating hardship cases. This exemption is granted at the sole discretion of the Board.

402. -- 449. (RESERVED)

450. **SCOPE OF PRACTICE.**
A residential care facility administrator must possess the education, training, and experience necessary to insure that appropriate services and care are provided for each facility resident within any facility under the licensee’s administration. Information contained within the application together with supporting documentation maintained by the licensee is prima facie evidence of the licensee’s education and experience. It is the responsibility of the individual licensee to maintain adequate documentation of education and experience appropriate to the planning, organizing, directing and control of the operation of a residential care facility.

451. -- 599. (RESERVED)

600. **FEES.**

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601. -- 649. (RESERVED)

650. **DISCIPLINE.**

01. **Civil Fine.** The Board may impose a civil fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) upon a licensed residential care facility administrator for each violation of Section 54-4213(1), Idaho Code.

02. **Costs and Fees.** The Board may order a licensed residential care facility administrator to pay the costs and fees incurred by the Board in the investigation or prosecution of the licensee for violation of Section 54-4213(1), Idaho Code.

03. **Code of Ethics.** The Board has adopted (ACHCA) Code of Ethics. Violations of the code of ethics is considered grounds for disciplinary action.

651. -- 999. (RESERVED)
PROPOSED RULE COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Section 67-5223(3), Idaho Code, requires the preparation of an economic impact statement for all proposed rules imposing or increasing fees or charges. This cost/benefit analysis, which must be filed with the proposed rule, must include the reasonably estimated costs to the agency to implement the rule and the reasonably estimated costs to be borne by citizens, or the private sector, or both.

Department or Agency: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

Agency Contact: Rob McQuade  Phone: 208-334-3233

Date: August 19, 2020

IDAPA, Chapter and Title Number and Chapter Name:

24.19.01, Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators

Fee Rule Status:  X  Proposed  __________  Temporary

Rulemaking Docket Number: 24-1901-2000F

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT: The fees are unchanged from the previous year’s temporary fee rule.

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