TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 270 Department or Agency Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
Rule No. 270-X-2-.07
Rule Title: Annual Registration For Dentists.

New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state’s police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO
If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer
Date 07/13/2023

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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF ALABAMA

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AGENCY NAME: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

RULE NO. & TITLE: 270-X-2-.07, Annual Registration For Dentists.

INTENDED ACTION: Amend Rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
The Board proposes to amend its existing rules regarding annual registration fees to delete language inconsistent with a new rule published contemporaneously. This rulemaking is permissible under Section 2 of E.O. 735, because the amendment does not impose any new regulatory burdens on the public, and is needed to implement the provisions of newly-enacted legislation.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed rule in writing to: W. Blake Strickland, Executive Director, Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama, 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35216, by mail or in person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, until and including September 4, 2023. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact W. Blake Strickland by e-mail (blake@dentalboard.org) during the comment period. Interested persons may also present comments at a public meeting/hearing to be held on September 15, 2023. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board’s web site, www.dentalboard.org.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
W. Blake Strickland, Executive Director
Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
2229 Rocky Ridge Road
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[Signature]
W. Blake Strickland
Executive Director, Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
270-X-2-.07. Annual Registration For Dentists.

(1) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall furnish to each such licensee, on or before September 1st of each year, a registration form which contains space for the insertion of his/her name, address, date and number of his/her license certificate and such other information as the Board shall deem necessary.

(2) On or before the first day of October of each year, every dentist licensed to practice in the State of Alabama shall transmit to the Secretary of the Board the completed form prescribed by the Board, together with the annual registration fee.

(3) Any license and license certificate previously granted shall automatically be suspended if the holder fails to secure the annual registration certificate before January 1st of each year.

(a) The annual registration fee for the dentists shall be in an amount fixed by the Board.

(4) Any dentist whose license shall be automatically suspended for reason of failure, neglect or refusal to secure the annual registration certificate shall be reinstated by the Board upon payment of a penalty fee as determined by the Board plus all accrued annual registration fees up to a maximum of five (5) years accompanied with the prescribed form of annual registration of such license.

(5) The Board shall waive the annual payment of fees and issue a current annual registration certificate to any licensee who because of age or physical disability has retired from the practice of dentistry or who is suffering a malady of a lingering or permanent nature. This waiver shall be effective so long as the retirement or these conditions continue. The licensee shall provide any documentation required by the Board to establish eligibility for this waiver. The Board shall also waive annual registration and the payment of annual fees while any licensee is on temporary active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States and the waiver of fees shall be effective so long as temporary active duty continues. For purposes of this rule, temporary active duty shall not exceed three (3) years.

(6) All licensed dentists shall also comply with the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-9-15.

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