

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi Department Rehabilitation Services
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule: OVR/OVRB Resource Guide, Section 4.5
Registration of Interpreters for the Deaf

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: New rule

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: Addition of instructions for registration and regulation of persons who interpret/translate to provide communication between deaf and hearing persons for pay or remuneration, as established and empowered by 2005 Mississippi Laws, Chapter 402

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least _____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) 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 and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

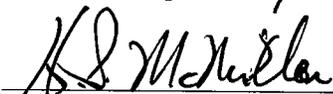
The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

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

Date Rule Proposed: 5/15/2006

Proposed Effective Date of Rule:


H. S. McMillan, Executive Director
Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Law. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption in the Secretary of State's Office. The full text of the Economic Impact Statement may be obtained from the agency contact person at the above address.

Persons may present their views by submitting written comments on the proposed rule adoption to the agency contact person at the above address. Additional information on where, when and how persons may present their views or demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule are included in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption to which this is attached.

a. Description of the need for and the benefits of the proposed rule: To add instructions for registration and regulation of persons who interpret/translate to provide communication between deaf and hearing persons for pay or remuneration. The primary benefit is to ensure quantity, qualifications and quality of interpreters.

b. Cost estimate to the agency and other state or local government entities: The cost incurred by the agency is minimal; less than five (5%) percent of an Agency staff person's time is spent processing applications.

c. Estimate of the cost or economic benefit to all persons: The economic benefit to all persons is that this rule outlines a centralized system for persons applying for credentialing as an interpreter/translator to provide communication between deaf had hearing persons.

d. Analysis of the impact on small business: This rule benefits small business in that the small business would not have to incur funds to develop a Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

e. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the rule: No cost comparison

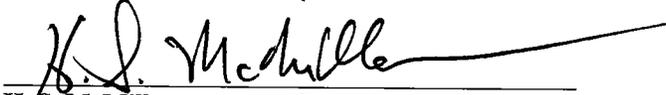
f. Determination as to whether less costly or less intrusive methods exist to achieve the purpose of the rule: The 2005 Mississippi State Legislature mandated the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be the registering authority for the state, therefore, no other method exist to achieve the purpose of the rule.

g. Description of reasonable alternative methods and reasons for rejection of the alternative methods: At present there are no other reasonable alternatives in the state because the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing falls under the MDRS Coordinator for Deaf Services

f. Data and methodology in making the estimates in the economic impact statement: Data from the MDRS State Summary of Clients Served and closed by major disabling condition for 2004-2005 was used in making the estimates in the economic impact statement

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