

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to accurately predict the impact the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation will have on small businesses, the promulgating authority must conduct a thorough analysis that not only considers the potential effects of the action but also quantifies the costs, if any, associated with each. The questions below are designed to aid promulgating authorities in conducting their analysis.

Agency submitting regulation:

RI Department of Health

Subject matter of regulation:

Rules and Regulations for Registration of Music Therapists [R23-20.8.1-MUS]

ERLID No:

7986

Statutory authority:

RIGL Chapter 23-20.8.1

Other agencies affected:

None directly

Other regulations that may duplicate or conflict with the regulation:

None

Describe the scope and objectives of the regulation:

Establish standards of education, training and experience, and to require the registration of music therapists .

What was the rationale for establishing this regulation?

Establish standards of education, training and experience, and to require the registration of music therapists.

Does the rationale still exist?

The enabling legislation was passed during the 2014 legislative session.

Is the rationale still relevant?

N/A

Business industry (s) affected by the regulation:

Counseling practices (some may be co-located with healthcare facilities)

Types of businesses included in the industry (s):

See previous response

Total number of small businesses included in the regulated industry (s) (Please see the attached guidance documents for assistance determining the total number of small businesses)

None. These regulations pertain to individual professional licenses. This is a new program and no individual license have been issued. However, the number of individuals in RI with the necessary credentials to be registered as a music therapist is not anticipated to exceed 25.

Number of small businesses potentially subject to the proposed regulation:

None - See previous response

How often do small businesses contact your agency for assistance with clarification of the regulation and/or receive assistance with compliance issues?

N/A

What is the cost to your agency of establishing and enforcing this regulation?

< \$5,000 (< 0.05 FTE) per year.

What would the consequences be if the regulation did not exist?

There would be a lack of standardization in the training and experience required to practice as a music therapist in Rhode Island.

Effective date used in cost estimate:

FY-2015 HEALTH Budget Data - Average cost per FTE

For each question below, please answer “yes” or “no” and offer a brief explanation. Please describe any facts, data, views, arguments, or other input from small businesses, organizations or any other sources that were used to quantify the impacts outlined below.

1.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?</p> <p>As noted above, these regulations only pertain to individual professional licenses. There is no regulatory oversight of any small business.</p>
2.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?</p> <p>See previous response</p>
3.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?</p> <p>See previous response</p>
4.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?</p> <p>See previous response</p>

5.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>
6.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>
7.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>
8.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>
9.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>
10.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">See previous response</div>

11.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>
12.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>
13.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>
14.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>
15.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>
16.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 80px;">See previous response</div>

17.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?</p> <div data-bbox="440 281 1528 407" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>See previous response</p> </div>
18.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Have any small businesses or small business organizations been contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.</p> <div data-bbox="440 520 1528 646" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>See previous response</p> </div>