



VIA EMAIL

May 4, 2023

Toby Snell
Board Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
State Board of Optometry
402 W. Washington St., Rm. W072
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: LSA Document #23-47/Economic Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Snell,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22, as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #23-47 (proposed rule) proposed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) and found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #23-47 provides a pre-application review process and identifies convictions which may be a cause for concern and result in a person that is applying for licensure as an optometrist in the state of Indiana to be denied a optometry license upon applying. The proposed rule change appears to be done so in the least stringent and most efficient way possible, and will have a minimal, if any, direct impact to small businesses across the state of Indiana.

Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact to small business if the PLA conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at majaworowski@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Jaworowski
Small Business Ombudsman
Manager, Interagency Affairs
Indiana Economic Development Corporation