**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**

**Division 2255—Missouri Board for Respiratory Care**

**Chapter 2—Licensure Requirements**

**IN ADDITION**

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF RULE**

**20 CSR 2255-2.010 Application for Licensure**

*ACTION TAKEN: This NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF RULE 20 CSR 2255-2.010.*

*This regulation states that an application is not complete until certain fees and documents are received.  During the COVID19 situation, the board will accept applications and supporting documents via email with the application fee being collected at a later date.*

*Section (3) requires the applicant to request the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) to submit verification of certification directly to the board.  During the COVID 19 situation, this information will be obtained directly from the NBRC’s website via board staff.*

*Section (4) requires that the applicant have verification sent from every state, territory, province, or country in which they hold or ever held a license.  During the COVID-19 situation, if the applicant is licensed in more than one (1) state, territory, province, or country, the board will verify the license utilizing the state’s website, if this is not able to be done by board staff the applicant will need to request the state to email such verification to the board. The remaining license verifications will be collected at a later date.*

*Section (5) requires applicants to submit proof of fingerprinting.  Realizing that most fingerprinting facilities are closed at this time, the board will waive this requirement and will collect fingerprints at a later date.*

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 20-04 dated March 18, 2020, the rule is suspended effective April 7, 2020 until May 15, 2020.*

*This in addition notice will appear in the May 15, 2020 issue of the* ***Missouri Register****.*