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Ms. Deborah Townsend, R. N.  
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

Your request for an official interpretation of R.S. 37:930 as it applies to your situation was presented to the Board of Nursing at its meeting on February 19-20, 1981. Your two letters, and my response to your first, were shared with the Board. After due deliberation, the Board formulated the following statement:

Unless the registered nurse has met the requirements in Section 930 of the Nurse Practice Act, it is illegal for one to administer any drug for the purpose of anesthesia.

Since the Board's official interpretation supersedes my unofficial interpretation, your activities should be in accordance with the Board's statement. If I can assist you in other nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, R. N.  
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