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Senator John Alario, Jr, President
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Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making of Chapter 34, Section 3411 (H) by finalizing the July 20, 2017, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 1450-1451 of the *Louisiana Register*.

This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37:918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. Chapter 34, Section 3411 (H) states that "If the board finds that the public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered by the Executive Director or designee pending proceedings for revocation or other action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined at the next regularly scheduled board meeting." The proposed rule change adds that this proceeding shall be "determined at the next available regularly scheduled board meeting." The insertion of the word "available" allows the LSBN an opportunity to fulfill the request in a timely manner, but without guaranteeing the issue will be heard at the next board meeting. Currently, LSBN hearings scheduled are 2-3 months in advance.

The LSBN has not received comments opposing the proposed change to 3411 (H). The LSBN is not required to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Revised Statute 49:953(A) (2).

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,



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