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March 24, 2017

Representative Taylor Barras
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Dear Representative Barras,

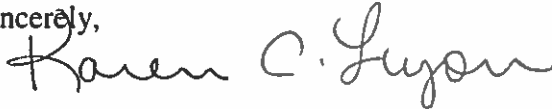
Pursuant to R.S.49:968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces its plan to proceed with the rule-making process. During this process, LSBN will remove Chapter 40 from the Louisiana Administrative Code. The removal of Chapter 40 will become final on May 20, 2017 and the Notice of Intent was promulgated on pages 428 - 429 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. The removal of Chapter 40 under Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII refers to precautions that should be taken to prevent the transmission of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Chapter 40 educated nurses on the definitions, standard precautions and self-reporting guidelines for nursing professionals that had been exposed to these viral and disease processes. The most recent revision of Chapter 40 was in November 2004. With the removal of Chapter 40, The Louisiana State Board of Nursing is expecting all nurses in the State of Louisiana to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for universal precautions.

The LSBN has received two e-mails in support of the removal of Chapter 40 and these documents are attached herewith. LSBN was not required to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Revised Statute 49:49:953(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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Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Attachments for Chapter 40 Second Report

- (1) Louisiana State Nurses Association
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RE: Letter of Support

- (2) Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
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RE: Letter of Support

March 13, 2017

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Dear Dr. Lyon:

On behalf of the Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA), I wish submit this document regarding the amendment to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 40, Subpart 2. The proposed rule change refers to precautions that should be taken to prevent the transmission of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

LSNA is in support of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing expectation that all nurses in the State of Louisiana to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for universal precautions, which is already common practice and prevents the transmission of HBV, HCV, and HIV. This action reflects the mission of LSNA to safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana as well as protect the registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse community in Louisiana.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2017

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Dear Dr. Lyon:

I am writing on behalf of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners to support the amendment to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 40, Subpart 2. The proposed rule change refers to precautions that should be taken to prevent the transmission of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit this letter of support for the amendment of Title 46, Chapter 40.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Thibodaux
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