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September 11, 2014

Representative, Charles E. Kleckley
Louisiana House of Representatives
P.O. Box 94062
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Dear Representative Kleckley,

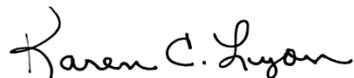
Pursuant to R.S.49.968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the August 20, 2014, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 1576-1577 of the Louisiana Register.

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. LSBN proposes to amend Chapter 33 and Chapter 45 in accordance with R.S. 97.911 et. seq., with particular emphasis sections §3328 and 4513. The proposed rule will address the prescriptive and distributing authority of Advance Practice Registered Nurses. As public emergencies and disasters can be sudden and unpredictable, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing shall jointly develop guidelines for the collaborative practice agreement and collaborating physicians or dentists, and the processes required for granting disaster permits and temporary prescriptive authority for APRNs to serve in the event of such emergencies when gratuitous services are provided.

The LSBN has received no comments and therefore has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S.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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