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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 35 and Chapter 45, section 4509 by finalizing the January 20, 2016 , Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 110- 127 of the *Louisiana Register*.

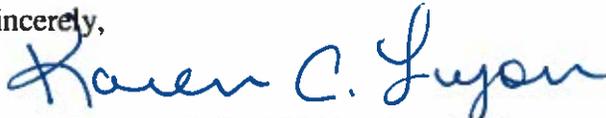
This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37.918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. The proposed changes will combine Chapter 35, which focuses on undergraduate nursing programs, and Chapter 45, section 4509, which focuses on graduate nursing programs. In addition, Chapter 35 has been revised to align with current national nursing trends and practices. Chapter 35 will provide guidelines regarding the following for undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs: (1) program approval, (2) program closure, and (3) day-to-day operating requirements. These proposed changes will provide clarity to expectations of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for in-state and out-of-state undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs.

The LSBN conducted a hearing on January 29, 2016. The LSBN did not receive comments from twenty-five or more constituents, but decided to offer the public an opportunity to provide feedback on Chapter 35 and Chapter 45, section 4509. The LSBN received two comments in which one suggested changes and the other opposed a section

of the Chapter 35. The LSBN board unanimously voted to move forward with the promulgation of Chapter 35 and Chapter 45, section 4509. The preamble that was provided to the constituents that had suggestions and/ or concerns is included along with the second report.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen C. Lyon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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