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Dear Mrs. Brindley,

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 by proposing rule changes to Chapter 33, Sections §3333 and §3335. These revisions will clarify the licensure renewal and continuing education processes. The changes denoted in §3333 will require the nurse to pay bi-annual licensure renewal fees. Previously, the LSBN required the nurse to pay renewal fees on an annual basis. The bi-annual renewal process **does not** apply to the licensees who hold an active RN multi-state license in a compact state other than Louisiana exercising their privilege to practice. Other minor changes to §3333 are as follows: change of name, change of address, delineation of on-line application(s), referencing §3335 for continuing education and inactive or retiring a license(s). A retired license is considered an inactive license, therefore individuals with a retired license are not authorized to practice. In §3335, the full-time and part-time nursing practice definitions have been removed and the inactive licensure status and the nursing practice definitions have been amended. Also, the continuing education nursing board approved contact hour changes from 15 hours to 30 hours in order to align with the bi-annual renewal. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recognizes practice hours along with board approved contact hours; therefore, a minimum of 900 practice hours during the 2-year licensure period as verified by the employer will be accepted in lieu of Continuing Education credit hours as proof of competency. If the continuing education requirements are not met, a warning will be provided, and the licensee may be prohibited from renewing his/her license. LSBN would like to



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finalize the June 20, 2020, Notice of Intent that was published on pages 809 - 812 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The LSBN has not received comments opposing the proposed changes to Chapter 33, Sections §3333 and §3335. 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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