LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING Pere Marquette Bidg,—Office No. 907 150 Baronne Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

December 15, 1977

Ms. Hazel Erwin, R.N., Director of Nurses Minden Medical Center Number One Medical Plaza Minden, Louislana 71055

Dear Ms. Erwin:

In accordance with your request, the Board of Nursing, at its December 8-9, 1977 meeting, deliberated on the issue of the legality of a registered nurse administering epidural medication to an OB patient with an established epidural line. The Board concurred with the information which was given to you by the Nursing Practice Consultant. Therefore, the official opinion of the Board is that the administration of epidural medication to an OB patient with an established epidural line is reserved to the registered nurse who has met the requirements of Act 200 of the 1976 Legislature.

We are enclosing for your perusal a copy of Act 200 and wish to call to your attention Section B which was not quoted in the previous letter to you.

The Board appreciates your efforts toward safeguarding the life and health of your patients. If this office can further assist you, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Merlyn M. Haillan, R.N.,

Executive Director

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Enclosure: Act 200