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Mr. Jay C. Barnes
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Dear Mr. Barnes:

At its meeting on February 19, 1981, the Board of Nursing completed its deliberation on your request for clarification of R.S. 37:930, as regards the administration of regional anesthesia by registered nurses so trained in Louisiana.

A survey was made of the legislation and rules and regulations of the fifty-three states and territories of the United States, and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists was consulted relative to educational preparation. I am enclosing a copy of our findings. The Board's action is as follows:

The Board affirmed its previous position that nothing in the Nurse Practice Act prohibits the administration of regional anesthesia by registered nurses who meet the requirements of R.S. 37:930. Therefore, it is not illegal for a C.R.N.A. who meets the requirements of R.S. 37:930 to administer regional anesthesia provided that this individual has been appropriately prepared in the actual administration of such anesthesia.

You will note that the excerpt from the A.A.N.A. Journal states that 50-65% of the nurse anesthesia educational programs reported teaching actual administration of regional anesthesia. I am interested in learning whether Charity Hospital School of Anesthesia is among the schools which do teach (and provide supervised experience) the actual administration of regional anesthesia. Would you obtain this information for me?

If you have further questions relative to this issue or other nursing practice issues, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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