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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 its plan to proceed with the rule-making process by implementing a law that became final during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Act number 577 was passed which allowed Louisiana to participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. As a result, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) will incur a slight increase in administrative costs and a relative increase in salary expenditures based on the number of registered nurse applications submitted.

In order to be party to the Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact, an annual administrative fee of \$6,000 will be paid to the compact's Interstate Commission for which LSBN will be responsible for \$3000.00 and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) will be responsible for \$3000.00. The LSBN anticipates having to attend quarterly Commission meetings costing approximately \$4,000 annually. The LSBN anticipates funding the compact membership fee and travel expenses utilizing existing resources and budget authority.

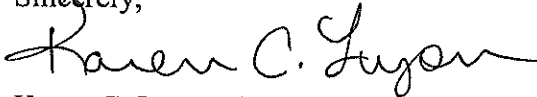
As identified in Article III of La. R.S. 37:1018, staff must review applications to ensure that the applicant meets the criteria for compact licensure. By requiring a fee, the board will be able to offset administrative costs associated with reviewing applications and converting current licensees from a single-state license to a multistate license.

LSBN would like to finalize the April 20, 2019, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 118-119 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The LSBN has not received comments opposing the proposed changes to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards. Part XLVII. Chapter 33, General, Subchapter C, Registration and Registered Nurse Licensure, Subparagraph § 3341.C Fees for Registration and Licensure (LAC 46:XLVII 3341.) 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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