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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 proposing rule changes to Chapter 34. General Subchapter A. Board of Nursing under Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Section 3405. Definition of Terms. The proposed rule will provide clarifying language to the definitions “revoke” and “suspend” in Chapter 34, Section 3405 of the administrative rules. This change may affect the licensure of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Amendments to the definition of “revoke” include language allowing for the reinstatement of a revoked license 5 years after revocation of a license. The revised definition aligns with recent changes in Chapter 34, Section 3415 of the administrative rules, which modifies the reinstatement of licenses process for RNs and APRNs. The changes in Chapter 34, Section 3415 allow for the RN and/or the APRN to submit an application for the consideration of reinstatement by the board if his/ her license has been revoked. The rule changes to Chapter 34, Section 3415 were published in October 2018.

Additionally, the proposed rule changes amend the definition of “suspend” regarding the licensure of RNs and APRNs, implementing a maximum cap on license suspensions of 3 years. Under the prior definition, the LSBN could suspend licenses indefinitely. The

revised definition further clarifies the limitations of practice of an RN or APRN under license suspension.

The LSBN has not received comments opposing the proposed changes to Chapter 34. General Subchapter A. Board of Nursing under Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Section 3405. Definition of Terms. 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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