## Notice of Rulemaking Activity

At its meeting held on June 20, 2014, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners approved several amendments to Sections §937, §939 and §1715, Regular Admissions; Advanced Standing; Licensure; Fees, of Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 1. Practical Nurses. The proposed revisions to section 937 will raise the minimum standards of placement tests taken prior to entering the practical nursing program to ensure that the applicant is qualified to enter into the practical nursing program. The proposed revision to Section 939 is to ensure that the practical nursing student has retained the material as well as the knowledge of the most current revisions of the subject matter. The proposed revision to Section 1715.A.2 and 4 will increase certain fees that will be utilized to eliminate deficits in the operating budget.

The first step in the rulemaking process is the publication of the Board's Notice of Intent in the August 20, 2014, edition of the *Louisiana Register*. As of August 20, 2014, you will be able to access the publication free of charge of the Notice of Intent at the state register's website at <a href="https://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr">www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr</a>.

Any written comments on the proposed revisions must be received at the board office by September 9, 2014. Please direct all written communications regarding the proposed changed to the attention of the Executive Director at the board office.

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