NOTICE OF RULE MAKING ACTIVITY

At the meeting held on July 31, 2015, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners approved an amendment to the Louisiana Administrative Code 46:XLVII. Section 1703.

A summary of the proposed rule change modifies requirements regarding licensure by examination, specifically allowing prospective licensees to write the NCLEX-PN up to four (4) times within a two (2) year period from the date of being made eligible. If the candidate does not successfully pass the NCLEX-PN within the time allotted, they will be required to re-enter and successfully complete the entire practical nursing program without advanced credit before being allowed to take the practical nursing examination again.

The first step in the rulemaking processes is the publication of the Notice of Intent in the <u>Louisiana Register</u>. On October, 20, 2015, this rule change was published in the <u>Louisiana Register</u> which can be found on page 2220. You may go to their website to view the Notice of Intent at <u>www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/Index.aspx</u>. Should the Notice of Intent become Rule, the effective date will be January 20, 2016.

Please submit any questions or concerns in writing to the board office prior to November 9, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.. Please direct your questions, comments, or concerns to Ms. Lynn Ansardi, Executive Director.

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