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BULLETIN No. 06-01

To: Pharmacists, Interns, Technicians, Candidates, & Pharmacies

From: Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director

Date: January 30, 2006

Re: Notice of Regulatory Activity re Sections 705 and 907 of Board Rules

The Board filed a Notice of Intent to amend Section 907 of its rules, relative to the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians, in the June 2005 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. You may access that document on the *Louisiana Register's* website, at www.doa.state.la.us/osr. Pursuant to that notice, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board conducted a public hearing on July 27, 2005 to receive comment on the proposal. The Board received substantial written comments and verbal testimony, both for and against the proposal. The Board analyzed all the submissions and determined that no amendments were in order, and then filed its second report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare on August 25, 2005. Since the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita totally consumed the 30-day legislative comment period, the Board has chosen to re-file the oversight committee report, and that report was submitted today. Interested parties should address any remaining concerns on this proposal to that committee. In the absence of any action by the oversight committee, the Board intends to publish the proposal as a Final Rule in the March 20, 2006 issue of the *Louisiana Register*, to be effective on that same date.

The Board filed a Declaration of Emergency and a Notice of Intent in the December 2005 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. Both notices reflected the Board's intent to amend Section 705.C.1.b of its rules, relative to removing the restrictions on the nature of the practical experience acquired by pharmacy interns during their academic rotation program. You may access those documents on the *Louisiana Register's* website, at www.doa.state.la.us/osr. Pursuant to that notice, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2006 to receive comment on the proposal. The Board received one written comment, in support of the proposed rule change. Today, the Board filed its second report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare. Interested parties should address any remaining concerns on this proposal to that committee. In the absence of any action by the oversight committee, the Board intends to publish the proposal as a Final Rule in the March 20, 2006 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, to be effective on that same date.