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To: Subscribers to Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Laws & Regulations
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From: Malcolm J. Broussard

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Re: Law Book Update No. 5 [total replacement of all printed pages]

Please remember that electronic copies of all our laws and rules are maintained on the Board's website, at www.pharmacy.la.gov, in the *Laws & Rules* section. Near the top of that web page is a single link for the entire 274-page law book file. You may access, download and print that information for free, using your own printer and paper. In the event you wish to purchase a printed copy of that file from the Board office, please send a written request and payment of the \$15.00 purchase price for that product (Law Book Update No. 5). Whether you print the file on your own paper or purchase a printed copy from the Board, the following information will help you place the pages in correct sequence with the existing tabs.

1. Remove all printed pages – but not the tabs – from the existing book, with the exception of any bulletins or newsletters you may have accumulated.
2. With the new update, insert pages 1 through 8 in the binder, prior to the TABLE OF CONTENTS tab.
3. Insert pages 9 through 20 in the binder, following the TABLE OF CONTENTS tab.
4. Insert pages 21 through 46 in the binder, following the PHARMACY LAW TITLE 37 tab.
5. Insert pages 47 through 102 in the binder, following the CDS LAW TITLE 40 tab.
6. Insert pages 103 through 252 in the binder, following the REGULATIONS TITLE 46 tab.
7. Insert pages 253 through 260 in the binder, following the CDS INFO tab.
8. Insert pages 261 through 262 in the binder, following the FORMS tab.
9. Insert pages 263 through 264 in the binder, following the BULLETINS tab.
10. Insert pages 265 through 272 in the binder, following the MISC. tab.
11. Insert pages 273 through 274 in the binder, following the INDEX tab.

Summary of Updates to Louisiana Pharmacy Law Book

- Act 315 (SB 205) of the 2011 Legislature amended the Pharmacy Practice Act to allow those pharmacies in penal institutions owned and operated by the La. Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections to re-use previously dispensed and unused prescription drugs, similar to the authority currently held by hospital pharmacies [La. R.S. 37:1226.3]. The law requires the Board to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of the new law; and that rulemaking effort is underway.

- Several bills in the 2011 Legislature amended the state's controlled substance laws in Title 40.
 - Act 420 (HB 12) reorganized and expanded the list of synthetic cannabinoids in Schedule I of the state's list of controlled substances, and further, added 'bath salts' to Schedule I [La. R.S. 40:964].
 - Act 155 (SB 223) amended the provision authorizing the prescribing of controlled substances to permit the electronic generation, signature, transmission, receipt, and processing of prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules 2-5, but only in conformance with the DEA rules already in place [La. R.S. 40:978].
 - Act 100 (HB 339) amended the provisions relative to imitation or counterfeit controlled substances, adding language that 'possession with intent to distribute' such products is a violation of the controlled substances law. [La. R.S. 40:971.1].

- The Dept. of Health and Hospitals promulgated an emergency rule in May 2011 that placed certain chemicals known as 'bath salts' in Schedule I of the state's list of controlled substances [LAC 46:LIII.2704]. Since emergency rules are only effective for 120 days, the department also sponsored legislation [See Act 420 above] shortly thereafter that made the scheduling action permanent.