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## Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Temporary Closure of Pharmacy (LAC 46:LIII.1107)

The Board of Pharmacy published a Notice of Intent to amend §1107 of its rules relative to pharmacy operations in the February 20, 2023 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, volume 49, pages 369-371. Pursuant to the board's consideration of comments and testimony received during the March 28, 2023 public hearing, the board proposes to amend the original proposed Rule by adding "in an emergency" to §1107.E and "during an emergency or Act of God" to §1107.E.1

# Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies Subchapter A. General Requirements §1107. Pharmacy Operations

A. - D. ...

E. Temporary Closure of Pharmacy in an Emergency

1. When the governor issues or renews a state of emergency pursuant to the Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, R.S. 29:721 et seq., or a state of public health emergency pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760 et seq., or when the pharmacist-in-charge determines it necessary to close the pharmacy for a temporary period of time during an

emergency or Act of God, the following provisions shall apply:

1.a - d ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 23:1310 (October 1997), amended LR 29:2088 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, LR 34:1408 (July 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 47:1643 (November 2021), LR 48:2105 (August 2022), amended LR 49:

## **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other mail carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed rule amendment. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023.

#### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed revisions to the original Notice of Intent is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023 at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225-925-6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr. Executive Director