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Department of Justice Attn: Civil Division- Occupational Licensing Review Program olrp@ag.louisiana.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 49:260, please accept this letter as a submission of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiner's proposed Complaints and Investigations regulations for review by the Louisiana Department of Justice as part of the Occupational Licensing Review Program.

The Board's authority arises from La. R.S. 49:952 *et seq.* of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act and from R.S. 37:1270 of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act. The Board proposes to amend §9703 to define the "Executive Director" position and "sufficient cause"; to amend §9707.B and §9709.A to ensure that the language comports with the law, R.S. 37:1285.2 on the same topic; to amend §9709.B.3 to add a provision that ensures licensee respondents will receive notice where the board elects to utilize prior complaints in investigation and adjudication proceedings; and to revise §9709.D to eliminate unnecessary language.

To aid your review, the following documents are attached:

- ➤ Notice of Intent and full text of the proposed rule published in the March 2025 *Louisiana Register*, 51 LR433;
- > Approved fiscal and economic impact statement;
- ➤ Underline/strikethrough version of the proposed occupational regulation; and
- > Completed Rule Submission Form.

Please note that we did not receive any public comments by email, fax, US Mail or other carrier, and no one requested a public hearing to give testimony or comment on the proposed amendments. Due to the lack of public comments, no changes were necessary to the proposed amendments.

If you have any questions about the enclosed information or our procedures, please contact me:

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