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The Honorable Senator "Jody" Amedee
Chairman, Senate and Governmental Affairs
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

**Re: Promulgation of Amended Rules Regarding Food and Drink Limit (LAC 52:
I. Chapter 17, Louisiana Register, Volume 40, No. 6, June 20, 2014, Page
1173)**

Dear Senator Amedee:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana Board of Ethics reports that no public hearing has been or will be held as to the proposed amended regulations concerning the limit for food, drink or refreshments provided in R.S. 42:1115.1A and B. The deadline to submit comments or request a public hearing for the proposed rules was July 10, 2014. No one submitted comments or requested a public hearing; therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

If you would like to schedule a hearing before the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee to consider these suggested rules, please contact Kristy Gary, Deputy Ethics Administrator or myself to provide such assistance as is necessary under these circumstances. Upon receiving a favorable recommendation, the Louisiana Board of Ethics anticipates the final rule will be published and the effective date of the proposed rules will be September 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Allen".

Kathleen M. Allen
For the Board

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**Title 52
ETHICS**

Part I. Board of Ethics

Chapter 17. Code of Governmental Ethics

§1703. Food and Drink Limit

A. In accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1(C), beginning on July 1, 2014, the limit for food, drink or refreshments provided in R.S. 42:1115.1(A) and (B) is \$58.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 36:304 (February 2010), amended LR 36:1466 (July 2010), LR 38:1951 (August 2012), LR 39:3062 (November 2013), LR 40:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no impact on poverty, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may direct their comments to Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on July 10, 2014.

Kathleen M. Allen
Ethics Administrator

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Food and Drink Limit**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The estimated cost to implement this Rule, which sets forth the amended monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink by a public servant and public employee, is \$168 in FY 14-15, which accounts for the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the rule in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed administrative Rule raises the monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink from \$57 to \$58 in FY 15.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule will have no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed action will affect all public employees and public servants by setting a monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule change will have no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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