<u>INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT</u>

The informational statement required by NRS 233B.066 numerically conforms to the subsections of the statute as follows:

1. EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THE ADOPTED REGULATION

The purpose of the proposed amendment provides for the licensing and regulation for a facility for treatment with narcotics to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs and prescribes fees for the licensing of such facility. The regulation also requires dispensing practitioners at a facility for treatment with narcotics to obtain informed consent for reporting information to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to track controlled substance prescriptions. The regulation is necessary to expand patient access to treatment and ensure the delivery of safe and reliable pharmaceutical care which will benefit public health, safety, and welfare.

2. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED, A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

The Board solicited comment on the proposed amendment by (1) posting notice, with links to the full text of the proposed amendment, to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices webpage, (2) posting a copy of the full text of the proposed changes to the Board's website as part of the Board Hearing materials, (3) posting notice to the Nevada Public Notice website, operated by the Department of Administration, with a link back to a full text of the proposed amendment on the Board's website, and (4) posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations per NRS Chapter 233B.

The Board also solicited comment from Nevada dispensing practitioners, and from representatives of relevant industry associations that Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board further provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment. The Board received no public response.

Parties interested in obtaining a copy of the summary of the proposed amendment, or that wish to view the text of the proposed amendment, may access that information on the Board's website at bop.nv.gov, or by contacting the Board's office at (775) 850-1440.

3. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO: (A) ATTENDED EACH HEARING; (B) TESTIFIED AT EACH HEARING; AND (C) SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The number of persons who attended the hearing was: 52 The number of persons who testified at the hearing was: -0-The number of agency submitted statements was: -0-The name of persons who testified at the hearing: -0-

4. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

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5. IF THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE REGULATION WITHOUT CHANGE.

The Board received no comments from industry or the public requesting any changes.

- 6. THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH IT IS TO REGULATE AND ON THE PUBLIC. THESE MUST BE STATED SEPARATELY, AND IN EACH CASE MUST INCLUDE:
 - A) BOTH ADVERSE AND BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

There should be no adverse economic impact from this regulation on the public. The beneficial effects will be expanded patient access to treatment to improve the delivery of safe and reliable pharmaceutical care which will benefit public health, safety, and welfare.

Facilities for treatment with narcotics centers that wish to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs must first apply to the Board of Pharmacy for a certificate of registration. The regulation will have an economic impact on those facilities for treatment with narcotics that pay the \$80.00 registration fee and \$80.00 biennial license renewal fee.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

Immediate and long-term economic effects on regulated entities will be negligible. The immediate and long-term economic effects will be improved pharmaceutical care for the public.

7. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE AGENCY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

The revenue generated from the registration fee will partially offset the costs of enforcement of this new regulation incurred by the Board of Pharmacy.

8. A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH THE PROPOSED REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES AND A STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING IS NECESSARY. IF THE REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES A FEDERAL REGULATION, THE NAME OF THE REGULATING FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of any other state or local governmental agency that the proposed regulation amendment overlaps or duplicates.

9. IF THE REGULATION INCLUDES PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY, A SUMMARY OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

The regulation does not contain provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity.

10. IF THE REGULATION PROVIDES A NEW FEE OR INCREASES AN EXISTING FEE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT THE AGENCY EXPECTS TO COLLECT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE USED.

This regulation does not provide a new or increase of fees.