21 NCAC 36 .0121 is proposed for adoption as follows:

21 NCAC 36 .0121 PETITIONING FOR RULEMAKING

(a) Any person wishing to submit a petition to the Board requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule shall file the petition with the Board’s chief executive officer.

(b) The petition shall contain the following information:

(1) a proposed draft of the rule to be adopted or amended or a citation to the rule to be repealed;

(2) a statement of the reason for the proposal, including statutory authority;

(3) effect of the proposed rule change on the practice of nursing;

(4) any data supporting the proposal including cost factors; and,

(5) name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner.

(c) The Board will determine whether the public interest would be served by the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the requested rule. Prior to making this determination, the Board may:

(1) request additional information from the petitioner;

(2) contact interested persons or those likely to be affected by the proposed rule and request comments;

and,

(3) it may use any other appropriate method for obtaining information on which to base its determination. It will consider all the contents of the petition submitted plus any other information obtained by the means described herein.

(d) The Board shall act on a petition within the timeframe outlined in G.S. 150B-20.

Authority G.S. 150B-20