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RE: RIDOH PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST AP21-0924

Dear Mr. Fast:

The Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") is in receipt of your request for public records seeking information from RIDOH as follows:

"all applicants for RN and LPN licenses from Jan. 1, 2019, until the date this request is processed"

Title 38, Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws is the Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), the law that establishes the relevant rights and responsibilities of those who create the public's documents on the one hand (civil servants), and those who request to review and inspect the public's documents on the other. Section 3(h) of APRA provides, in relevant part, that "[n]othing in [APRA] shall be construed as requiring a public body to reorganize, consolidate, or compile data not maintained by the public body in the form requested at the time of the request to inspect the public records was made..." Instead, APRA requires public bodies to provide access to responsive and existing public records. See, e.g., Ms. Lynn Arditj, PR 15-15, R.I. Attorney General Advisory Opinion, April 24, 2015; Katz v. Emp. Ret. Sys., PR 16-32B, R.I. Attorney General Advisory Opinion, November 23, 2016.

In this case, there are no currently existing records that are responsive to the request above. Thank you for your interest in keeping government open and accountable to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Bortolotti".

Lisa Bortolotti, Esq.
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