

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has a Louisiana Breast and Cervical
2 Health Program (LBCHP) that offers no-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and
3 patient navigation services to women in Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, LBCHP was founded after Congress passed the Breast and Cervical
5 Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 1990 and was designed to provide low-income,
6 uninsured, and underserved women access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and
7 diagnostic services; and

8 WHEREAS, LBCHP is the largest program within Louisiana Cancer Prevention &
9 Control Programs (LCP) and has helped lower Louisiana's breast cancer death rate from the
10 highest in the United States, as well as raised the state's screening rate to the national
11 average; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health operates mobile cancer screening
13 units that travel to different locations throughout Louisiana to provide screenings to women
14 who may not have access to other facilities.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to recommend changing initial routine
17 mammographic breast cancer screening from age forty to age thirty.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
19 the revision of breast cancer screening guidelines to recommend the initiation of routine
20 mammographic screening beginning at age thirty, in order to promote earlier detection and
21 improve outcomes for individuals at risk.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
23 the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a program for early breast cancer screening
24 beginning at age thirty within the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the
26 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HCR 44 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

Boyd

Requests the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to change the recommended starting age for routine mammography from forty to thirty years old for individuals at average risk.

Requests LDH to create a program within the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program for early breast cancer screening to begin at age thirty.