

1 as these facilities have the potential to induce people to use them for nonemergency
2 conditions in lieu of seeing a primary care physician; and

3 WHEREAS, if this state is to enhance access to care and improve the overall health
4 of our population, strategies for achieving these goals should include provision of greater
5 levels of primary care and development of a robust network of hospital-affiliated clinics in
6 underserved areas rather than establish a new type of licensed healthcare facility that
7 provides costly and unnecessary services.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and
10 Hospitals not to establish freestanding emergency departments as a type of licensed
11 healthcare facility in this state.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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