



1           WHEREAS, the Trickett Wendler Right to Try Act of 2017 has been introduced in  
2 the One Hundred Fifteenth United States Congress as S. 204 and would codify in federal law  
3 the essential provisions of the Right to Try laws of Louisiana and other states; and

4           WHEREAS, a key function of this legislation is to bar the federal government from  
5 prohibiting or restricting the production, manufacture, distribution, prescribing, or  
6 dispensing of an experimental drug, biological product, or device that is intended to treat a  
7 terminally ill patient and is authorized by and in accordance with state law; and

8           WHEREAS, the Trickett Wendler Right to Try Act of 2017 and the Right to Try law  
9 of Louisiana affirm the fundamental right of a patient with a terminal illness to attempt to  
10 preserve his own life by accessing available investigational drugs, biological products, and  
11 devices; and that the decision to pursue such a course of treatment is one that rightfully  
12 should be made by a terminally ill patient in consultation with his physician, and not by the  
13 government.

14           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15 memorialize the United States Congress to pass the Trickett Wendler Right to Try Act of  
16 2017.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
19 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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#### DIGEST

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Memorializes the U. S. Congress to pass the Trickett Wendler Right to Try Act of 2017 (S. 204) providing relative to access by terminally ill patients to investigational methods of treatment.