

1 WHEREAS, Congressional Senate Bill 1601, Helping Overcome Trauma for
2 Children Alone in Rear Seats Act of 2019, was introduced May 22, 2019, which requires the
3 Department of Transportation to issue a final rule requiring new passenger vehicles be
4 equipped with visual and audio alert systems for rear passengers; and

5 WHEREAS, further, the Act would require states to use a portion of highway safety
6 program funds to educate the public on the risks of leaving a child in a vehicle; and

7 WHEREAS, it would also require the Department of Transportation to undertake a
8 third-party study on retrofitting existing passenger motor vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, Congressional House Resolution 3593, the "Hot Cars Act" of 2019, was
10 introduced on June 28, 2019, which requires the Department of Transportation issue a final
11 rule requiring that all new passenger motor vehicles weighing ten thousand pounds or less
12 be equipped with an alert system that detects the presence of a child or domestic animal in
13 a rear seat after the vehicle has been turned off; and

14 WHEREAS, the resolution further requires the Department of Transportation to
15 consider requiring systems to detect the presence of an occupant unable to independently
16 exit the vehicle and the presence of child who has entered the vehicle independently; and

17 WHEREAS, the resolution also requires the alert to include an auditory and visual
18 alert to notify individuals inside and outside the vehicle of the presence of an occupant,
19 which must include an interior haptic warning, or vibrations, and be activated when the
20 engine is turned off and the presence of an occupant is detected; and

21 WHEREAS, additionally, the bill requires the Department of Transportation to enter
22 into an agreement with a third party to independently perform a study on retrofitting existing
23 passenger motor vehicles with technology to address problems of occupants left unattended
24 in motor vehicles.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
27 actions as are necessary to adopt requirements that motor vehicles or child restraint safety
28 systems come equipped with sensor technology to alert the driver of the presence of a child
29 in the rear seat when the engine has been shut off.

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

DIGEST

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Memorialize the U.S. Congress to take such actions as are necessary to adopt requirements that motor vehicles or child restraint safety systems come equipped with sensor technology to alert the driver about the presence of a child in the rear seat when the engine has been shut off.