

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the attorney general for the state of Louisiana, Jeff Landry, to continue his efforts fighting scams and price gouging during the COVID-19 public health crisis and to urge his continued focus on these important efforts.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis has attacked the citizens of Louisiana as the invisible enemy, infecting our people and impacting our economy; and

WHEREAS, during these trying times some companies and individuals seek to take advantage of our citizens through the prevalence of these scams or price gouging; and

WHEREAS, some companies and individuals are trying to profit from the global pandemic by selling unproven and illegally marketed products and falsely claiming they are able to prevent or cure the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis has put incredible stress on consumers, and we must ensure that they can afford essential goods and services; and

WHEREAS, price gouging violations are punishable by both civil and criminal monetary penalties and possible imprisonment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general for the state of Louisiana, Jeff Landry, to ensure a swift, effective, and unified national response to price gouging and urge price gouging to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to utilize warning letters, seizures, or injunctions against products on the market that are not in compliance with the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to send letters to major retailers urging them to crack down on price gouging on their online platforms amidst the COVID-19 public health crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the attorney general on his work protecting the citizens of Louisiana from scams and price gouging during the COVID-19 public health crisis and does hereby recognize his continued efforts on behalf of our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the attorney general for the state of Louisiana, Jeff Landry.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES