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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding
3 a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children who are
4 tracheostomy patients.

5 WHEREAS, over the last ten years, there has been a three hundred to five hundred
6 percent increase in the use of tracheostomy for home care in children, as estimated by
7 experts at Children's Hospital of New Orleans; and

8 WHEREAS, pediatric tracheostomy patients at home face an estimated one percent
9 per year risk of suffering a sudden death from a tracheostomy complication; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a twenty percent overall mortality rate related to the global
11 health condition of patients affected by tracheostomy; and

12 WHEREAS, although home care for tracheostomy can be supported by home health
13 nursing, trained pediatric tracheostomy care nurses are exceptionally difficult to find
14 regardless of insurance status; and

15 WHEREAS, a remote home monitoring program that allows for continuous
16 monitoring of patients at home could serve as a means to maintain the health and safety of
17 technology dependent children at home without the need of a home health nurse; and

18 WHEREAS, the use of such technology could significantly reduce the number of
19 hospitalizations of patients with tracheostomies; and

1 WHEREAS, the average cost of hospitalization of such patients can cost thousands
2 of dollars per day; and

3 WHEREAS, the estimated cost of remote monitoring is two hundred eighty five
4 dollars per day; and

5 WHEREAS, such technology is not only significantly cheaper than hospitalization
6 but also allows patients to remain at home in the care of loved ones outside of a hospital
7 setting, while also freeing up needed hospital beds for other patients.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
10 to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent
11 children for tracheostomy.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall develop findings and
13 recommendations concerning this topic and shall submit these findings and
14 recommendations in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and
15 Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2024 Regular Session.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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