

1 WHEREAS, some of these professions include but are not limited to physicians,
2 nurses, physical therapists, and pharmacists; and

3 WHEREAS, per the Louisiana Department of Health's website, there are over twenty
4 Louisiana state licensing boards in this state that are health-related; and

5 WHEREAS, with respect to the important role that licensing boards play in the
6 legislative process and improvement of the economy statewide, it is vital that the state
7 legislature ensure the efficiency and overall necessity of each licensing board; and

8 WHEREAS, the proliferation of licensing boards for certain professionals may lead
9 to redundancy, inefficiency, and increased administrative burden, especially for those who
10 provide healthcare services; and

11 WHEREAS, streamlining the licensing process could potentially improve access to
12 healthcare services, reduce costs, and enhance overall public health outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study is necessary to assess the current landscape of
14 licensing boards for health professionals and identify opportunities for consolidation or
15 harmonization.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 direct the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations to the
18 legislature on how to reduce the number of licensing boards of health professions.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall consist of a thorough analysis of
20 the existing licensing boards for health professionals, including but not limited to physicians,
21 nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and other allied health professionals and assess the feasibility
22 and potential benefits of reducing the number of licensing boards, consolidating overlapping
23 functions, standardizing licensing requirements where appropriate, and promoting interstate
24 reciprocity agreements.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
26 collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including professional associations, licensing boards,
27 healthcare providers, and consumer advocacy groups, to gather input and ensure
28 transparency throughout the process.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2025, the Louisiana
30 Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, Senate

1 Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library
2 a written report of its findings and recommendations.

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

DIGEST

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