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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 262

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

HEALTH/LDH: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to work with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study and make recommendations to establish a more efficient process for licensing nondiagnostic technicians

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with the Louisiana State
3	Board of Medical Examiners to study and make recommendations to establish a
4	more efficient process for licensing nondiagnostic technicians.
5	WHEREAS, the clinical need for plasma-derived therapies has been steadily
6	increasing for many years; and
7	WHEREAS, plasma-derived medicines are often the only therapies for many rare and
8	chronic diseases; and
9	WHEREAS, there have been reports of patients having difficulty accessing two
10	plasma-derived therapies, albumin and immune globulin, in the last decade; and
11	WHEREAS, plasma donation center donors provide the source plasma needed to
12	manufacture plasma-derived therapies to treat several chronic, rare conditions; and
13	WHEREAS, source plasma donation centers employ thousands of Louisiana
14	residents and provide millions of dollars to local economies through wages, taxes, and donor
15	fees; and
16	WHEREAS, source plasma donation centers provide excellent opportunities for
17	entry-level jobs for high school graduates; and
18	WHEREAS, there are more than twenty source plasma donation centers in this state;
19	and

- WHEREAS, employment of nondiagnostic technicians is critical to ensuring safe
 source plasma donations; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has established licensing requirements for individual
 technicians unlike other states that establish licensing requirements at the clinic level; and
 WHEREAS, background checks are required as a part of the licensing of
 nondiagnostic technicians; and
- WHEREAS, improving the efficiency of licensing employees of source plasma
 donation centers could more readily provide more access to source plasma and potential
 employment opportunities.
- 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health 12 to work with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study and make 13 recommendations to establish a more efficient process for licensing nondiagnostic 14 technicians, which will benefit Louisiana residents who rely on plasma-derived therapies. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations requested in this 16 Resolution shall be submitted in the form of a written report to the House Committee on 17 Health and Welfare by February 1, 2025. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 19 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the executive director of the Louisiana
- 20 State Board of Medical Examiners.

DIGEST

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Requires the submission of recommendations via written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare by Feb. 1, 2025.