

1 WHEREAS, an injury to the spinal cord resulting in a change, either temporary or
2 permanent, in the spinal cord's normal motor, sensory, or autonomic function may be the
3 effect of an acute internal medical event such as a brainstem aneurysm; and

4 WHEREAS, individuals with spinal cord injuries caused by sudden internal medical
5 conditions are also in need of services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of
6 functioning and independent living in their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, current statutory authority establishing the Traumatic Head and Spinal
8 Cord Injury Trust Fund precludes these individuals from receiving assistance through the
9 trust fund; and

10 WHEREAS, policy and procedural changes, including legislation, will be necessary
11 to provide essential services through the trust fund to individuals with spinal cord injuries
12 caused by sudden internal medical conditions.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board to
15 study and determine the policy and procedural changes, including necessary legislation,
16 required to expand its services to persons with spinal cord injuries arising from sudden
17 internal medical conditions.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury
19 Trust Fund Advisory Board shall submit a written report of its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislature not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the
21 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 chairman of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board to study and make recommendations for providing services to persons with spinal cord injuries arising from sudden internal medical conditions.