

1 service delivery while maintaining the highest degree of competency by which emergency
2 medical services are provided; and

3 WHEREAS, it is essential that solutions to these challenges be developed through a
4 thoughtful and deliberative process.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Emergency Medical
7 Services Certification Commission, and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Task
8 Force to work in collaboration through the Emergency Medical Services Professional
9 Working Group to meet certain goals and to make a report to the legislative committees on
10 health and welfare.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Medical Services Professional
12 Working Group is hereby created and shall be composed of the following members who
13 shall be appointed no later than July 15, 2018:

14 (1) The chairperson of the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission
15 of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

16 (2) The chairperson of the Emergency Medical Services Task Force of the Louisiana
17 Department of Health or his designee.

18 (3) The executive director of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of
19 Emergency Physicians or his designee.

20 (4) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance or his designee.

21 (5) The president of the Louisiana Association of Registered Emergency Medical
22 Technicians or his designee who is, at a minimum, a state-certified emergency medical
23 technician.

24 (6) The president of the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana or his
25 designee.

26 (7) The president of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association or his designee.

27 (8) One state credentialed educator, who is a Louisiana-certified instructor,
28 nominated by the Louisiana Society of EMS Educators.

29 (9) The president of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association or his designee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following professionals may appoint one
2 representative each to the working group to act exclusively in an advisory capacity:

3 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

4 (2) The state fire marshal.

5 (3) The director of the bureau of emergency medical services of the office of public
6 health.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial meeting of the working group shall
8 be held no later than August 15, 2018.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall provide for the manner
10 and frequency of its meetings and for all other administrative matters as are necessary in
11 order to function as a working group.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the working group shall be to
13 review, discuss, and recommend the most appropriate location and statutory structure for the
14 licensure of emergency medical personnel, specifically addressing whether the licensing and
15 disciplinary functions should remain with the Louisiana Department of Health or be
16 transferred to an independent regulatory board or other more appropriate venue as identified
17 by the working group.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Medical Services Professional
19 Working Group shall submit a written report of its conclusions and recommendations to the
20 House and Senate committees on health and welfare on or before February 28, 2019.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
22 member of the Emergency Medical Services Professional Working Group.

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