

1 WHEREAS, Act No. 815 of the 2006 Regular Session found and determined that it
2 is in the best interest of the people of this state to protect nonsmokers from involuntary
3 exposure to tobacco smoke in most indoor areas open to the public, public meetings, food
4 service establishments, and places of employment; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2006 Louisiana Smokefree Air Act prohibited smoking in most
6 public areas, including indoor workplaces, universities, and restaurants to improve the
7 health, comfort, and environment of the people of this state by limiting exposure to tobacco
8 smoke; and

9 WHEREAS, since the passage of the 2006 Louisiana Smoke Free Air Act, fourteen
10 municipalities, covering approximately twenty percent of the state's population, have enacted
11 comprehensive smoke-free ordinances to close the policy gap created by Act No. 815 of the
12 2006 Regular Session including to prohibit smoking in bars and gaming facilities, as
13 establishing smoke-free workplaces are the only effective way to ensure that secondhand
14 smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning
15 technologies cannot completely account for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, State Toll of Tobacco, reports
18 2018 Medicaid costs caused by smoking in Louisiana totals eight hundred three million
19 dollars.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 create a study committee to evaluate the policy gap of Louisiana's statewide Smoke Free Air
22 Act.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall be composed of the
24 following members:

25 (1) One member representing the office of public health of the Louisiana
26 Department of Health, appointed by the secretary of the department.

27 (2) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue or his designee.

28 (3) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.

29 (4) One member representing the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
30 in the office of the lieutenant governor.

1 (5) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute or his
2 designee.

3 (6) One member representing the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living.

4 (7) One member representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

5 (8) One member representing the American Heart Association of Louisiana.

6 (9) One member representing the American Cancer Society-Cancer Action Network
7 Louisiana.

8 (10) Chief executive officer of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South or his
9 designee.

10 (11) One member representing the Louisiana State University School of Public
11 Health.

12 (12) One member representing the Tulane University School of Public Health and
13 Tropical Medicine.

14 (13) One member representing the Southern University Agricultural Center.

15 (14) One member representing the Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation.

16 (15) One member representing the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

17 (16) The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association
18 or his designee.

19 (17) The director of the Louisiana Budget Project or his designee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in evaluating Louisiana's smoke-free air policies,
21 the study committee shall examine the feasibility of a statewide comprehensive smoke-free
22 air policy by examining the following:

23 (1) Medical costs related to chronic tobacco-related illnesses and exposure to
24 secondhand smoke.

25 (2) Incidences of cardiovascular disease, cancer, and lung disease by the exemption
26 of bars and casinos from the state's current smoke-free air law.

27 (3) Comparative analysis of health parity amongst parishes with comprehensive
28 smoke-free policies.

29 (4) Potential economic impact of a statewide smoke-free air law on the state.

1 (5) Potential changes to health outcomes and indicators by the adoption of a
2 statewide smoke-free air policy that includes bars and casinos.

3 (6) Evaluation of the economic impacts of existing local smoke-free air policies.

4 (7) Health-related impact of electronic smoking devices.

5 (8) A comparative evaluation of smoke-free laws and outcomes of other states.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designee representing the Louisiana Public
7 Health Institute shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the study committee
8 convenes on or before August 1, 2018.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at its initial meeting, the study committee
10 members shall elect a chairperson, and shall adopt rules of procedure and any other policies
11 as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before January 15, 2019, the study
13 committee shall submit to the legislature a report of its progress and preliminary findings.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before March 8, 2019, the study committee
15 shall submit to the legislature a final report comprising an evaluation of Louisiana's
16 statewide and local smoke-free air policies and recommendations for addressing the existing
17 policy gap created by Act No. 815 of the 2006 Regular Session.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of Louisiana Department of
20 Revenue, the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, the executive
21 director of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, director of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free
22 Living, American Heart Association of Louisiana, the American Cancer Society-Cancer
23 Action Network Louisiana, the chief executive officer of the Cardiovascular Institute of the
24 South, the dean of the Louisiana State University School of Public Health, the dean of the
25 Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, the chancellor-dean of
26 the Southern University Agricultural Center, the executive director of the Louisiana Cultural
27 Economy Foundation, the executive director of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, the
28 president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the director of
29 the Louisiana Budget Project, the president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana
30 Association of Business and Industry.

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