

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN AND LEBAS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance.

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration warns consumers not to use kratom, which is a plant that grows naturally in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, there are no approved Food and Drug Administration (FDA) uses for kratom; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 40:989.3 prohibits the distribution of any product containing kratom to a minor; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has raised concerns about the toxicity and possible death with the use of kratom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations regarding the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES