

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 258

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

PUBLIC HEALTH: Requests a study of cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency access to epinephrine at public places

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health to
3 conduct a study concerning cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency
4 access to epinephrine at public places, and to report findings of the study to the
5 legislative committees on health and welfare.

6 WHEREAS, epinephrine is a naturally occurring hormone which, as an injectable
7 medicine, is used to treat anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction caused by foods,
8 insect bites, and other allergens; and

9 WHEREAS, epinephrine is administered via a device known as an auto-injector
10 which is designed to allow a person without medical training to easily inject someone
11 experiencing a serious allergic reaction with a life-saving dose of the medicine; and

12 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 99 of the 2014 Regular Session would have authorized
13 any person licensed by this state to dispense a prescription drug order to dispense
14 epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of any public place
15 at which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present, including but not limited
16 to day care facilities, churches, restaurants and other retail businesses, recreation camps,
17 youth sports leagues, sports arenas, and amusement parks; and

18 WHEREAS, this legislation also would have required employees at public places
19 receiving epinephrine auto-injectors to complete training on responding to anaphylaxis prior
20 to administering epinephrine, and would have required that such training be conducted by
21 a nationally recognized organization approved by the Louisiana Department of Health; and

1 WHEREAS, the fiscal note on House Bill No. 99 of the 2014 Regular Session
2 indicated that the bill's requirements, particularly those relative to training, were estimated
3 to increase the Louisiana Department of Health's total state general fund expenditures by two
4 hundred forty-five thousand dollars in state fiscal year 2014-2015, and to increase such
5 expenditures by four percent annually in future fiscal years; and

6 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to call for an effort by the office of public health to
7 identify cost-effective means by which to facilitate safe access to life-saving epinephrine in
8 public places in this state.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the office of public health of the
11 Louisiana Department of Health to conduct a study concerning cost-effective means by
12 which to facilitate emergency access to epinephrine at public places.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to examining costs and benefits of
14 facilitating emergency access to epinephrine at public places, the office of public health shall
15 also examine and report on the following matters relating to epinephrine:

16 (1) Appropriate dosages of epinephrine based upon different persons' age, weight,
17 and other physiological characteristics.

18 (2) The duration for which epinephrine auto-injectors can be stored.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health shall issue findings
20 and recommendations from the study called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to
21 the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and
22 Welfare no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 assistant secretary of the office of public health and to the secretary of the Louisiana
26 Department of Health.

DIGEST

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