

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

CONSUMERS/PROTECTION: Urges and requests Attorney General Jeff Landry to ensure a swift, effective, and unified response to price gouging

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the attorney general for the state of Louisiana, Jeff Landry, to continue
3 his efforts fighting scams and price gouging during the COVID-19 public health
4 crisis and to urge his continued focus on these important efforts.

5 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis has attacked the citizens of Louisiana
6 as the invisible enemy, infecting our people and impacting our economy; and

7 WHEREAS, during these trying times some companies and individuals seek to take
8 advantage of our citizens through the prevalence of these scams or price gouging; and

9 WHEREAS, some companies and individuals are trying to profit from the global
10 pandemic by selling unproven and illegally marketed products and falsely claiming they are
11 able to prevent or cure the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

12 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis has put incredible stress on
13 consumers, and we must ensure that they can afford essential goods and services; and

14 WHEREAS, price gouging violations are punishable by both civil and criminal
15 monetary penalties and possible imprisonment.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general for the state of
18 Louisiana, Jeff Landry, to ensure a swift, effective, and unified national response to price
19 gouging and urge price gouging to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
21 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to utilize warning letters,

1 seizures, or injunctions against products on the market that are not in compliance with the
2 law.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
4 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to send letters to major
5 retailers urging them to crack down on price gouging on their online platforms amidst the
6 COVID-19 public health crisis.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
8 of Louisiana does hereby commend the attorney general on his work protecting the citizens
9 of Louisiana from scams and price gouging during the COVID-19 public health crisis and
10 does hereby recognize his continued efforts on behalf of our state.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 attorney general for the state of Louisiana, Jeff Landry.

DIGEST

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Urges the attorney general to continue his efforts fighting consumer scams and price gouging in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.