

1 additional measures including the temporary closure of certain businesses, further limiting
2 the operations of certain non-essential businesses to the public in an effort to mitigate the
3 impact of COVID-19 and to disrupt the spread of the virus; and

4 WHEREAS, these businesses have experienced serious hardship and financial
5 disruption due to COVID-19 impacts on their operations and workforces; and

6 WHEREAS, the ability of these businesses to expeditiously return to their previous
7 levels of operation is critical to Louisiana's economy, as well as state and local government
8 revenues; and

9 WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone incentive is designed to encourage and promote
10 private sector investment and local economic development efforts in depressed areas of the
11 state by establishing tax rebates and tax credits for businesses that are located in areas that
12 meet enterprise zone criteria including high unemployment rates, lower per capita income,
13 and a resident population that receives public assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2015, state law was amended to limit eligibility for certain retail
15 businesses to participate in these incentives to grocery stores and pharmacies that have more
16 than one hundred employees nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, the legislature should consider legislation, during any extraordinary
18 session that may be called in 2020, to amend the eligibility criteria for participation in the
19 Enterprise Zone incentive to include restaurants and hotels which have suffered great
20 economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 urge and request that changes to the eligibility requirements for participation in the
23 Enterprise Zone incentive to extend eligibility to restaurants and hotels be included in the
24 any proclamation convening an extraordinary session of legislature in 2020.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 governor of the state of Louisiana, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
27 president of the Senate.

DIGEST

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