

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER AND GAROFALO

LICENSING: Authorizes and directs suspension of licensing fees imposed on businesses by state agencies and licensing boards

1                                   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2    To authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards to adopt emergency rules  
3                suspending fees that are imposed on businesses until the final adjournment of the  
4                2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5                WHEREAS, many Louisiana businesses have felt a financial hit due to stay-at-home  
6    orders and social distancing measures in place since the beginning of March 2020 in light  
7    of the global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus; and

8                WHEREAS, economic fallout from the pandemic has made abundantly clear how  
9    important businesses are to the fabrics of communities; and

10               WHEREAS, as businesses prepare to reopen and recover, state agencies have an  
11    opportunity to support them by suspending licensing fees; one less expense for business  
12    owners and operators during this difficult time can make a positive impact on their  
13    livelihoods, their communities, and the economy.

14               THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15    authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards to suspend licensing fees imposed  
16    on businesses as part of a response to and way to help businesses reopen and recover from  
17    COVID-19.

18               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that agencies and boards are directed to suspend such  
19    fees until final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

20               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall not apply  
21    to any state agency or licensing board estimated to be able to operate for fewer than one and

- 1 a half years on reserve funds pursuant to the Legislative Auditor's report of boards and
  - 2 commission's financials for the state's 2019 fiscal year.
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DIGEST

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Directs some La. agencies and licensing boards to suspend licensing fees imposed on businesses through the final adjournment of the 2021 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Exempt certain agencies and licensing boards from the provisions of the Resolution, based on their classification as an agency that could operate for fewer than one and a half years on reserve funds as determined by a report of the legislative auditor.