

1 WHEREAS, the guidelines of the CDC, public health experts, and President Trump
2 recommend a region by region or county by county (parish by parish) reopening strategy;
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4 WHEREAS, the economic shutdown which has resulted from the stay-at-home order
5 and the restrictions contained in the governor's emergency disaster declaration have resulted
6 in substantial economic loss and historic unemployment numbers for the people of
7 Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, many Louisiana businesses, licensees, and permittees have felt a
9 financial hit due to stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures in place since the
10 beginning of March 2020 in light of the global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus;
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12 WHEREAS, economic fallout from the pandemic has made it abundantly clear how
13 important businesses, licensees, and permittees are to the fabric of Louisiana's communities;
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15 WHEREAS, as businesses, licensees, and permittees prepare to reopen and recover,
16 state agencies have an opportunity to support them by suspending any sanctions imposed on
17 business owners for any violation of any stay-at-home order or social distancing policy
18 associated with COVID-19; one less burden placed upon the owners and operators during
19 this difficult time can make a positive impact on their livelihoods, their communities, and
20 the economy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards
23 to suspend the imposition of any sanctions against any licensee or permittee engaged in
24 business with the public for any violation of any emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-
25 home order, or social distancing policy as part of a response to and in an effort to help
26 businesses reopen and recover from COVID-19.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that agencies and licensing boards are directed to
28 suspend sanctions imposed against the licensees or permittees due to a violation of any
29 emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-home order, or social distancing policy until final
30 adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Directs all La. agencies and licensing boards to suspend sanctions imposed on any licensee or permittee engaged in business with the public for any violation of any emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-home order, or social distancing policy implemented as part of a response to COVID-19.