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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding
3	a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children who are
4	tracheostomy patients.
5	WHEREAS, over the last ten years, there has been a three hundred to five hundred
6	percent increase in the use of tracheostomy for home care in children, as estimated by
7	experts at Children's Hospital of New Orleans; and
8	WHEREAS, pediatric tracheostomy patients at home face an estimated one percent
9	per year risk of suffering a sudden death from a tracheostomy complication; and
10	WHEREAS, there is a twenty percent overall mortality rate related to the global
11	health condition of patients affected by tracheostomy; and
12	WHEREAS, although home care for tracheostomy can be supported by home health
13	nursing, trained pediatric tracheostomy care nurses are exceptionally difficult to find
14	regardless of insurance status; and
15	WHEREAS, a remote home monitoring program that allows for continuous
16	monitoring of patients at home could serve as a means to maintain the health and safety of
17	technology-dependent children at home without the need of a home health nurse; and
18	WHEREAS, the use of such technology could significantly reduce the number of
19	hospitalizations of patients with tracheostomies; and

1 WHEREAS, the average cost of hospitalization of such patients can cost thousands 2 of dollars per day; and 3 WHEREAS, the estimated cost of remote monitoring is two hundred eighty-five 4 dollars per day; and 5 WHEREAS, such technology is not only significantly cheaper than hospitalization 6 but also allows patients to remain at home in the care of loved ones outside of a hospital 7 setting, while also freeing up needed hospital beds for other patients. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health 10 to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent 11 children for tracheostomy. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall develop findings and recommendations concerning this topic and shall submit these findings and 13 14 recommendations in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and 15 Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2024 Regular Session. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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Requests the that the La. Dept. of Health develop findings and recommendations and submit such findings and recommendations in a written report.

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Make technical corrections.