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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR MCMATH

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to take action relative to the corporate practice of medicine.

1                                   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2           To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the corporate  
3           practice of medicine.

4           WHEREAS, the corporate practice of medicine refers to the practice of medicine by  
5           entities, such as corporations, that are not composed entirely of licensed healthcare  
6           professionals and may employ healthcare professionals to provide medical services in a  
7           manner that may be contrary to ethical, legal, and professional standards; and

8           WHEREAS, the corporate practice of medicine can undermine the independence of  
9           healthcare professionals by subjecting them to commercial pressures, potentially  
10          compromising the quality of patient care and the integrity of medical decision-making; and

11          WHEREAS, there is growing concern that corporate entities may prioritize profit  
12          over patient care, leading to practices such as limiting time for patient consultations,  
13          directing healthcare professionals to meet arbitrary financial targets, and engaging in  
14          cost-cutting measures that may impact the standard of care; and

15          WHEREAS, Louisiana is committed to maintaining a high standard of medical  
16          practice that ensures patients receive the highest quality care and that medical professionals  
17          are able to exercise their clinical judgment in the best interest of their patients; and

18          WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has consistently prioritized the protection of

1 public health and the rights of patients, including through the regulation of medical  
2 professionals and the licensing of healthcare entities; and

3 WHEREAS, it is critical that both state and federal governments address the potential  
4 risks posed by the corporate practice of medicine to safeguard the doctor-patient relationship  
5 and preserve the ethical integrity of medical practice; and

6 WHEREAS, Congress has the authority to enact federal legislation that would protect  
7 patients and healthcare professionals by regulating or limiting the corporate practice of  
8 medicine and ensuring that medical professionals are not unduly influenced by corporate  
9 interests.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 memorialize the Congress of the United States to thoroughly examine the impact of  
12 corporate practices on the healthcare workforce and on healthcare delivery and to support  
13 a robust, patient-centered healthcare system by ensuring the following:

14 (1) The independence of healthcare professionals is preserved and protected.

15 (2) Corporate entities are prohibited from interfering with the clinical  
16 decision-making of healthcare professionals in ways that could adversely affect patient care.

17 (3) Adequate protections are established to ensure that healthcare decisions are made  
18 in the best interest of patients, free from undue financial or commercial pressures.

19 (4) Patients continue to receive high-quality, ethical care in a manner consistent with  
20 professional standards.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
22 to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of  
23 Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
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