

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

CHILDREN. Requests the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, office of motor vehicles, to promote statewide the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Where's baby? Look before you lock." campaign.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of  
3 Health and Hospitals, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public  
4 safety services, office of motor vehicles, to promote statewide the National Highway  
5 Traffic Safety Administration's *Where's baby? Look before you lock.* campaign.

6 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's *Where's baby?*  
7 *Look before you lock.* campaign is a joint effort between the National Highway Traffic  
8 Safety Administration and Safe Kids Worldwide to prevent child deaths from heatstroke; and

9 WHEREAS, heatstroke (medically termed "hyperthermia") is the leading cause of  
10 non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children under the age of fourteen, with at least thirty-  
11 three fatalities reported within the United States for the year 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2010, there were forty-nine vehicular heatstroke deaths of such  
13 children within the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1998, at least five hundred thirty-two children nationwide have  
15 lost their lives to vehicular heatstroke, with most deaths occurring among children three  
16 years of age and younger; and

17 WHEREAS, an unknown number of children are injured each year due to vehicular  
18 heatstroke, suffering ailments including permanent brain injury, blindness, and loss of

1 hearing, among others; and

2 WHEREAS, parents and caregivers are the first line of defense against vehicular  
3 heatstroke deaths and injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, heatstroke deaths and injuries often occur after a child gets into an  
5 unlocked vehicle to play unbeknownst to the parent or caregiver, or when a parent or  
6 caregiver who is not used to transporting a child as part of his daily routine inadvertently  
7 forgets an infant in a rear-facing car seat in the back of the vehicle.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9 urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health  
10 and Hospitals, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services,  
11 office of motor vehicles, to promote statewide the National Highway Traffic Safety  
12 Administration's *Where's baby? Look before you lock.* campaign.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
14 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the secretary of the  
15 Department of Health and Hospitals, and the commissioner of the Department of Public  
16 Safety and Corrections, public safety services, office of motor vehicles.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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