

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Hospital Association for its efforts to reduce smoking in hospitals and the community through its hospital workplace wellness initiative, Smart Choices, Better Health Hospital Campaign, and encourages the Louisiana Hospital Association to continue leading by example by building on this initiative and by recommending further ways to decrease tobacco use in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Hospital Association for its efforts to reduce smoking in  
3 hospitals and the community through its hospital workplace wellness initiative,  
4 Smart Choices, Better Health Hospital Campaign, and to encourage the Louisiana  
5 Hospital Association to continue leading by example by building on this initiative  
6 and by submitting in the form of a report, recommendations on further ways to  
7 decrease tobacco use in Louisiana to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on  
8 or before January 15, 2014.

9 WHEREAS, it is with pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
10 commends and recognizes the efforts of the Louisiana Hospital Association to reduce  
11 smoking in hospitals and the community through its hospital workplace wellness initiative,  
12 Smart Choices, Better Health Hospital Campaign; and

13 WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death according to the  
14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

15 WHEREAS, it is well known that smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, and  
16 lung disease, and for every person who dies from a smoking-related disease, twenty more  
17 people suffer with at least one serious illness from smoking; and

18 WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has reported that there is no safe level of

1 second-hand smoke; and

2 WHEREAS, research in recent years has demonstrated that even third-hand smoke,  
3 which is the smoke that is absorbed by clothes, walls, and carpets after a cigarette is smoked,  
4 contains the same toxic chemicals as second-hand smoke; and

5 WHEREAS, as stewards of the public's health, hospitals are uniquely positioned to  
6 serve as leaders in the war against tobacco; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hospital Association has recognized that it is important  
8 for the hospital industry to lead by example and demonstrate ways for their patients to live  
9 healthier lives; and

10 WHEREAS, through its Smart Choices, Better Health Hospital Campaign, the  
11 Louisiana Hospital Association is helping hospital campuses become tobacco-free and  
12 linking hospital employees and patients with tobacco cessation resources.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 does hereby commend the great work being done at the Louisiana Hospital Association to  
15 reduce smoking in hospitals and the community through its workplace wellness initiative,  
16 Smart Choices, Better Health Hospital Campaign.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
18 encourages the Louisiana Hospital Association to continue leading by example by building  
19 on this initiative and by submitting in the form of a report, recommendations on further ways  
20 to decrease tobacco use in Louisiana to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on or  
21 before January 15, 2014.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 president of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

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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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DIGEST

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