

1 WHEREAS, there are risks associated with the use of ADHD medications, including
2 addiction and adverse reactions in patients with cardiovascular disease or related conditions;
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4 WHEREAS, ADHD medications may also increase risks of other psychiatric
5 conditions and can cause seizures if taken in high doses; and

6 WHEREAS, one in eight teenagers has misused or abused ADHD medications at
7 least once in his lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, almost one in ten teenagers has misused or abused ADHD medications
9 in the past year; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana finds that ensuring the proper utilization
11 of ADHD medication is an important public health priority for the state.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means
14 to ensure the proper utilization of ADHD medications in Louisiana and to report its findings
15 to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and
16 Welfare.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the department may
18 engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from stakeholder groups
19 with an interest in the proper utilization of ADHD medications.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the department shall
21 diligently respect, preserve, and protect the constitutional and legal privacy rights of all
22 individuals involved in the study and shall comply with all applicable privacy standards and
23 restrictions including but not limited to Article I, Section 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of
24 1974; La. R.S. 46:56; the federal Medicaid privacy regulations, 42 C.F.R. §431.300 et seq.;;
25 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, 45
26 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this
28 study in the form of a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House
29 Committee on Health and Welfare on or before February 1, 2015.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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DIGEST

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SCR No. 39

Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means to ensure the proper utilization of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medications in Louisiana and to report its findings to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare. Requires the department to protect the privacy of individuals involved in the study.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires the department to protect the privacy of individuals involved in the study.