2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

HEALTH/SPINAL CORD DYS: Urges and requests the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board to study and make recommendations for providing services to persons with injuries arising from sudden internal medical conditions

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To urge and request the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board		
3	to study and make recommendations for policy and procedural changes, including		
4	necessary legislation, to expand its services to persons with spinal cord injuries		
5	arising from sudden internal medical conditions not later than sixty days prior to the		
6	beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.		
7	WHEREAS, R.S. 46:2631 et seq. provides for the development of a rehabilitation		
8	program for persons disabled by traumatic head and spinal cord injuries through the		
9	establishment of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund to be funded by		
10	additional fees imposed on motor vehicle violations in this state for the offenses of driving		
11	under the influence, reckless operation, and speeding; and		
12	WHEREAS, the purpose of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund		
13	is to provide Louisiana citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries a source		
14	of funds for services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of functioning and		
15	independent living in their communities; and		
16	WHEREAS, spinal cord injury is defined, for the purposes of the trust fund, as an		
17	insult to the spinal cord, not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but caused by an external		
18	physical force resulting in paraplegia or quadriplegia; and		

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1	WHEREAS, an injury to the spinal cord resulting in a change, either temporary or
2	permanent, in the spinal cord's normal motor, sensory, or autonomic function may be the
3	effect of an acute internal medical event such as a brainstem aneurysm; and
4	WHEREAS, individuals with spinal cord injuries caused by sudden internal medical
5	conditions are also in need of services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of
6	functioning and independent living in their communities; and
7	WHEREAS, current statutory authority establishing the Traumatic Head and Spinal
8	Cord Injury Trust Fund precludes these individuals from receiving assistance through the
9	trust fund; and
10	WHEREAS, policy and procedural changes, including legislation, will be necessary
11	to provide essential services through the trust fund to individuals with spinal cord injuries
12	caused by sudden internal medical conditions.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	urge and request the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board to
15	study and determine the policy and procedural changes, including necessary legislation,
16	required to expand its services to persons with spinal cord injuries arising from sudden
17	internal medical conditions.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury
19	Trust Fund Advisory Board shall submit a written report of its findings and
20	recommendations to the legislature not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the
21	2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23	chairman of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board.

DIGEST

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