

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 168

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Request the Responsible Vendor Program to include certain server training courses.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Responsible Vendor Program to include server training courses
3 addressing sexual assault and appropriate responses as part of its licensing
4 requirements.

5 WHEREAS, since its creation, the Louisiana Responsible Vendor Program has
6 trained and permitted thousands of servers in the state of Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, the Responsible Vendor Program was established to educate vendors
8 and their employees about selling, serving, and consuming alcoholic beverages in a
9 responsible manner; and

10 WHEREAS, there is also a need to educate vendors and their employees about
11 identifying sexual assault behaviors and strategies to prevent sexual assault from occurring;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, studies have shown that one-half of all violent crimes, including sexual
14 assault, involve alcohol or drug consumption by the perpetrator, the victim, or both; and

15 WHEREAS, bartender training should increase bar staff understanding of the scope
16 and causes of unwanted sexual aggression, manipulation, and violence and increase bar staff
17 recognition of inappropriate behavior as it relates to sexual or relationship violence; and

18 WHEREAS, bartender trainer should provide bar staff with the skills needed to

