

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN AND LEBAS

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Requests the La. Department of Health to study the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the scheduling of
3 *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration warns consumers not
5 to use kratom, which is a plant that grows naturally in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and
6 Papua New Guinea; and

7 WHEREAS, there are no approved Food and Drug Administration (FDA) uses for
8 kratom; and

9 WHEREAS, R.S. 40:989.3 prohibits the distribution of any product containing
10 kratom to a minor; and

11 WHEREAS, the FDA has raised concerns about the toxicity and possible death with
12 the use of kratom.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
15 to study the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of
17 its findings and recommendations regarding the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom)
18 as a controlled dangerous substance to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal
19 Justice not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2019 Regular Session of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 177 Original

2018 Regular Session

Hoffmann

Requests the La. Dept. of Health to study the scheduling of *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) as a controlled dangerous substance.