

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted in the federal Tobacco Control Act of
2 2009, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finalized regulations in 2016
3 which, for the first time, would impose strict oversight of electronic cigarettes and other
4 vapor products; and

5 WHEREAS, according to a brief that the FDA filed in August 2016, the percentage
6 of high school students who use electronic cigarettes rose from one and one-half percent to
7 thirteen and four-tenths percent from 2011 to 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, opponents of the FDA regulations argue that electronic cigarettes and
9 other vapor products can help people to wean themselves off of smoking combustible forms
10 of tobacco; and

11 WHEREAS, proponents of the FDA regulations argue that they are an appropriate
12 response to a significant public health problem, and that they are necessary to curb an
13 industry which targets dangerous products toward children.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
16 to study the following issues associated with electronic cigarettes and other vapor products:

17 (1) The rates at which electronic cigarettes and other vapor products are taxed in
18 each U.S. state.

19 (2) The health impacts associated with the use of electronic cigarettes and other
20 vapor products.

21 (3) Whether the use of electronic cigarettes and other vapor products should be
22 promoted as a safe and effective means of quitting smoking.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if requested by the secretary of the Louisiana
24 Department of Health, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue shall assist and
25 collaborate in the tax-related aspect of the study requested in this Resolution.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
27 develop a written report of findings of the study requested by this Resolution, and shall
28 submit the report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee
29 on Health and Welfare no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2018 Regular
30 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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Provides that, if requested by the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health, the secretary of the La. Dept. of Revenue shall assist and collaborate in the tax-related aspect of the study.

Requires the La. Dept. of Health to report findings from the study to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2018 R.S.