

1 WHEREAS, though the report that LDH issued pursuant to this initial study effort
2 contains many significant and thoroughly researched findings concerning the prevalence of
3 tobacco use, this report also indicates that as of February, 2018, the membership of the
4 Louisiana Tobacco Coalition, which is the main tobacco control group of this state, is almost
5 evenly divided on the question of raising the minimum age for purchasing tobacco; and

6 WHEREAS, the LDH Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
7 uses evidence-based methods and interventions to reduce preventable risk factors that
8 contribute to chronic diseases, including those associated with smoking; and

9 WHEREAS, this division of LDH and the public health stakeholders that it convenes
10 are the ideal parties to continue a formal study of policy issues that can positively impact the
11 dire public health problem of smoking prevalence in this state.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
14 to continue to study the desirability and feasibility of increasing the minimum age to
15 purchase tobacco products in this state to twenty-one.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall develop findings and
17 recommendations concerning this topic, and shall submit these findings and
18 recommendations in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and
19 Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the
20 Legislature.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health to continue to study the desirability and feasibility of a potential increase in the minimum age for purchase of tobacco products to 21.