

1 WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Cancer Society have cautioned
2 against the off-label use of fenbendazole outside of controlled clinical settings due to
3 potential risks, including liver inflammation, and unknown drug interactions; and

4 WHEREAS, the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the value
5 of considering innovative and nontraditional treatment options during times of urgent
6 medical need, prompting many, including members of the Louisiana House of
7 Representatives, to approach emerging therapies with a more open perspective, while still
8 prioritizing patient safety; and

9 WHEREAS, rising cancer rates in Louisiana, and reports of residents seeking
10 unverified sources of fenbendazole, raise important public health considerations that warrant
11 formal evaluation by the state's chief health officer; and

12 WHEREAS, the expertise of the state surgeon general in public health policy and
13 emerging therapies is essential to determining whether fenbendazole could offer a viable,
14 expedited treatment option for patients facing limited alternatives.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the surgeon general of this state to do
17 all of the following:

18 (1) Provide a professional assessment and guidance regarding the feasibility of
19 advancing fenbendazole toward potential human authorization for the treatment of cancer
20 or other medical conditions, including any appropriate state-level steps this state could take
21 to support, or advocate for, further scientific review.

22 (2) Develop a recommended plan for engaging federal authorities, including the
23 United States Food and Drug Administration, to expedite evaluation of fenbendazole through
24 compassionate use protocols, expanded access programs, or prioritization in clinical trials,
25 while ensuring patient safety and adherence to evidence-based standards.

26 (3) Submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House
27 Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February 1, 2027.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 surgeon general of this state and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Requests that the La. Dept. of Health and the state surgeon general study the feasibility of fenbendazole as a treatment for certain health conditions.