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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the need for laws and regulations relative to the riding of horses on public roads and at public events and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been reports of instances in which the riding of horses on public roads and at public events has caused injuries to and damaged the property of citizens of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, at present, Louisiana law confers on every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle certain rights; and

WHEREAS, although present Louisiana law contains provisions limiting liability with respect to equine and farm animal activities, it does not provide regulations governing the recreational riding of horses on public roads with respect to such issues as licensing, notice to public, road closures, insurance, and police security; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that the dearth of laws governing the riding of horses on public roads has created a situation which is dangerous to the safety and property of citizens of the state of Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, parish and municipal governments may need to consider ordinances and
2 regulations with respect to the riding of horses on trail rides and at parades, festivals, and
3 other public events; and

4 WHEREAS, it might be necessary for parish and municipal governments, the
5 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Louisiana Department
6 of Public Safety and Corrections to contemplate laws and regulations that pertain to the
7 riding of horses on public roads and highways; and

8 WHEREAS, in particular, laws and regulations that require horse riders on public
9 roads to carry liability insurance may be required; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for an evaluation of local and state laws and
11 regulations with respect to the riding of horses on public roads and at public events in the
12 state of Louisiana.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, the
15 Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, the House Committee on Transportation,
16 Highways and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and
17 Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study effective laws and
18 regulations relative to the riding of horses on public roads and at public events and to report
19 the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015
20 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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