

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Urges and requests the Department of Insurance to compare and contrast health insurance reimbursement rates to medical providers in each of the metropolitan regions of Louisiana and with the reimbursement rates in similar metropolitan regions of the United States

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Insurance to compare and contrast health insurance
3 reimbursement rates to medical providers in the metropolitan regions of Louisiana
4 and with health insurance reimbursement rates in similar metropolitan regions of the
5 United States.

6 WHEREAS, affordable and available healthcare is a necessity for ensuring the health
7 and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, many areas of Louisiana are currently confronting, or will soon be
9 confronting, a shortage of doctors in all areas of medical practice; and

10 WHEREAS, the shortage of doctors is caused in some part by the higher
11 reimbursement rates available in some areas and not in other areas, resulting in physicians
12 practicing in areas with higher reimbursement rates; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana and the other states of the United States rely on health
14 insurance policies to pay for medical treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, health insurance premiums are directly tied to reimbursement rates; and

16 WHEREAS, every citizen is now required by federal law to obtain a policy of health
17 insurance that contains specified minimum coverages; and

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Insurance to
20 perform a study that compares and contrasts the health insurance reimbursement rates paid

1 to medical providers in each of the metropolitan regions of Louisiana and in similar
2 metropolitan regions of the United States.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance is urged to
4 determine whether higher reimbursement rates paid by health insurers in certain
5 metropolitan regions result in higher insurance premiums paid by the residents of those
6 regions.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance is urged to
8 determine whether the ability of certain health systems to command higher reimbursement
9 rates than competing health systems is likely to lead to less competition and thereby increase
10 consumer health costs.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance is urged to take
12 testimony from health insurers, doctors, hospital administrators, and other interested parties
13 as part of the study.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance is urged to report
15 its findings to the House Committee on Insurance on or before January 15, 2017.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 commissioner of insurance.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Department of Insurance to compare and contrast health insurance reimbursement rates to medical providers in each of the metropolitan regions of Louisiana and with the reimbursement rates in similar metropolitan regions of the United States, and to determine the impact of higher reimbursement rates on insurance premiums and health costs.