

1 WHEREAS, in 2015, there were over one thousand bicycle-related deaths and almost
2 four hundred sixty-seven thousand bicycle-related injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, adults between the ages of fifty and fifty-nine have the highest chance
4 of bicycle-related deaths and children and adolescents have the highest chance of bicycle-
5 related injuries; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Smart Growth America's Dangerous by Design 2019 study,
7 the Baton Rouge metropolitan area is the twelfth most dangerous metropolitan area for
8 pedestrians in the United States and Louisiana is the fourth most dangerous state in the
9 United States for pedestrians.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to form a study group to recommend
12 proposed legislation providing penalties for causing injury or death to pedestrians and
13 bicyclists while operating a motor vehicle.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, at a minimum, the study group should include three
15 representatives of outdoor cycling clubs within the state of Louisiana, the Louisiana District
16 Attorneys Association, and the Louisiana Municipal Association.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
18 a report detailing the results of its study and its recommendation for proposed legislation to
19 the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2020.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 president of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

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