

1 WHEREAS, the owners of these businesses were forced to forfeit the potential
2 revenue earned by the business during the period of closure; and

3 WHEREAS, shutting down a large portion of businesses can have a detrimental
4 effect on the local economy and local families; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to ensure orders of
6 these types are made in accordance with the law and the negative effects are mitigated to the
7 greatest extent possible; and

8 WHEREAS, the public health is dependent on the public economy and shutting down
9 the economy affects the normal supply chain, often increasing prices and the ability of the
10 public to receive essential goods and services.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the Louisiana Law Institute to study the constitutionality of executive
13 orders forcing the closure of businesses that are designated as non-essential and what
14 legislative steps could be implemented to place a check upon the unilateral determination
15 of a business as non-essential.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Law Institute shall submit a report
17 of its findings to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on
18 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, no later than thirty days before
19 the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Requests the Louisiana Law Institute to study the constitutionality of executive orders which force the closure of certain businesses and to report its findings, along with any potential legislative measures, to the legislature at least within 30 days before the convening of the 2021 Regular Session.