

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER, HORTON, AND EMERSON

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Directs state agencies and licensing boards to suspend the imposition of sanctions against licensees and permittees for a violation of COVID-19 executive orders

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards to suspend the imposition of
3 sanctions against licensees or permittees who are engaged in business with the public
4 for violation of any emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-home order, or social
5 distancing policy associated with COVID-19 until the final adjournment of the 2021
6 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, "coronavirus disease 2019", commonly referred
8 to as COVID-19, was first detected in December of 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, the governor of Louisiana declared a statewide public health emergency
10 and issued a stay-at-home order on March 11, 2020, due to the risks related to public health
11 associated with COVID-19; and

12 WHEREAS, the president of the United States indicated that many states would be
13 able to reopen by May 1, 2020, and shared federal guidelines for restarting the economy; and

14 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has worked with
15 the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop the guidelines for restarting the
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana is a diverse state made up of many different communities
18 each of which present different cultural, socioeconomic, and medical challenges; and

1 WHEREAS, the guidelines of the CDC, public health experts, and President Trump
2 recommend a region by region or county by county (parish by parish) reopening strategy;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the economic shutdown which has resulted from the stay-at-home order
5 and the restrictions contained in the governor's emergency disaster declaration have resulted
6 in substantial economic loss and historic unemployment numbers for the people of
7 Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, many Louisiana businesses, licensees, and permittees have felt a
9 financial hit due to stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures in place since the
10 beginning of March 2020 in light of the global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, economic fallout from the pandemic has made it abundantly clear how
13 important businesses, licensees, and permittees are to the fabric of Louisiana's communities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, as businesses, licensees, and permittees prepare to reopen and recover,
16 state agencies have an opportunity to support them by suspending any sanctions imposed on
17 business owners for any violation of any stay-at-home order or social distancing policy
18 associated with COVID-19; one less burden placed upon the owners and operators during
19 this difficult time can make a positive impact on their livelihoods, their communities, and
20 the economy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards
23 to suspend the imposition of any sanctions against any licensee or permittee engaged in
24 business with the public for any violation of any emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-
25 home order, or social distancing policy as part of a response to and in an effort to help
26 businesses reopen and recover from COVID-19.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that agencies and licensing boards are directed to
28 suspend sanctions imposed against the licensees or permittees due to a violation of any
29 emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-home order, or social distancing policy until final
30 adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Directs all La. agencies and licensing boards to suspend sanctions imposed on any licensee or permittee engaged in business with the public for any violation of any emergency disaster declaration, stay-at-home order, or social distancing policy implemented as part of a response to COVID-19.