

1 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Louisiana citizens have lost their jobs,
2 thousands of businesses have permanently closed, and many more are at risk in the coming
3 months; and

4 WHEREAS, students in Louisiana are being greatly hindered in academic and
5 extracurricular pursuits critical to their personal growth and development, significantly
6 impacting the future opportunity of our children and our state; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the will of the Louisiana Legislature that the state function in a
8 supporting role for parish and local governments in responding to their requests for
9 assistance resulting from the varying local impact caused by the COVID-19 virus and that
10 the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Louisiana
11 Department of Health, and other state resources be made available to parish governing
12 authorities and municipal governing authorities to function in a supporting role to local
13 government as provided for in R.S. 29:727 and 737; and

14 WHEREAS, the governor has not, throughout the prolonged duration of this public
15 health emergency, collaborated with or sought the council of the Louisiana Legislature
16 regarding the state's response to COVID-19 and the cumulative impact of restrictions on
17 constituents; and

18 WHEREAS, current laws providing for public health emergencies are inadequate in
19 their ability to responsibly manage public health emergencies of extended and unpredictable
20 duration due to absence of statutorily required participation by the Legislature of Louisiana;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, should the governor veto legislation that creates statutory requirements
23 for the Louisiana Legislature to perform their oversight role as it pertains to public health
24 emergencies, the Louisiana Legislature will be forced to exercise its constitutional authority
25 to temporarily suspend certain statutory authority providing for public health emergencies
26 that has been granted to the executive branch.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
28 the provisions of R.S. 29:766(D)(3) through (8), 766(G), 767, 769(A), 769(B)(3), and
29 769(C)(2)(b), relative to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
2 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after the final
3 adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Suspends until 60 days after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana certain provisions of the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act.

(Suspends R.S. 29:766(D)(3)-(8), 766(G), 767, 769(A), 769(B)(3), and 769(C)(2)(b))