



1 protecting public health and safety are longstanding requirements of state law, and  
2 legislative involvement with these boards is typically confined to minor revisions and  
3 updates to board-related statutes and occasional oversight of administrative rules that the  
4 boards promulgate; however, when health professions oppose and compete with each other,  
5 associations representing opposing provider groups bring these matters to the legislature in  
6 the form of requests for legislation to either expand one group's scope of practice or diminish  
7 another's, and even the small minority of legislators with a background in health care find  
8 it extremely challenging to make policy decisions that truly serve the public interest when  
9 dealing with scope of practice legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, by playing out in such a public setting as the state legislature, conflicts  
11 over scope of practice proposals, which can be among the most heated that legislators ever  
12 experience, reflect negatively on the parties involved; and

13 WHEREAS, several other states have seen fit to create independent scope of practice  
14 review programs as mechanisms for obtaining objective evaluations of proposals relating to  
15 health professions' scope of practice prior to those proposals going before those states'  
16 legislative bodies; and

17 WHEREAS, two of the most successful initiatives of this type are the Scope of  
18 Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program of the Connecticut Department of  
19 Public Health and the Credentialing Review Program of the Nebraska Department of Health  
20 and Human Services.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 authorize and direct each of the following health care professional licensing boards to  
23 evaluate the Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program of the  
24 Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Credentialing Review Program of the  
25 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services as potential models for such a program  
26 in this state:

- 27 (1) The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
- 28 (2) The Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- 29 (3) The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.
- 30 (4) The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

- 1 (5) The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
- 2 (6) The Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners.
- 3 (7) The Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- 4 (8) The Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.
- 5 (9) The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy.
- 6 (10) The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and
- 7 Audiology.
- 8 (11) The Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition.
- 9 (12) The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- 10 (13) The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners.
- 11 (14) The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.
- 12 (15) The Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.
- 13 (16) The Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.
- 14 (17) The Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- 15 Board of Examiners.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board listed shall determine its position  
17 concerning each of the following matters:

- 18 (1) Whether the Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program
- 19 of the Connecticut Department of Public Health is a suitable model for a program of this
- 20 type in Louisiana.
- 21 (2) Whether the Credentialing Review Program of the Nebraska Department of
- 22 Health and Human Services is a suitable model for a program of this type in Louisiana.
- 23 (3) Whether any other established program or any potential system not yet
- 24 established would serve as a suitable model for an independent scope of practice review
- 25 program for Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board which is subject to the provisions of  
27 this Resolution shall submit a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the  
28 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before December 31, 2021 which includes  
29 all of the following:

- 30 (1) Its position concerning whether or not the Scope of Practice Determinations for

1 Health Professions Program of the Connecticut Department of Public Health is a suitable  
2 model for a program of this type in Louisiana and the rationale for this position.

3 (2) Its position concerning whether or not the Credentialing Review Program of the  
4 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is a suitable model for a program of  
5 this type in Louisiana and the rationale for this position.

6 (3) Information on other established programs or potential systems, if any, which  
7 would serve as a suitable model for an independent scope of practice review program for  
8 Louisiana.

9 (4) The current scope of practice of each health care profession that it licenses.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board which is subject to the provisions of  
11 this Resolution may provide in the report required by this Resolution any information and  
12 commentary it deems appropriate for the Senate and House committees on health and  
13 welfare to consider on the matter of the potential establishment of an independent scope of  
14 practice review program for this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
16 executive director and the chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners,  
17 the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse  
18 Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the  
19 Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic  
20 Examiners, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, the Louisiana Board of Massage  
21 Therapy, the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,  
22 the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, the Louisiana State Board of  
23 Examiners of Psychologists, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of  
24 Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, the Louisiana Behavior  
25 Analyst Board, the Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority, and the Louisiana  
26 Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners.

