

1 Directors pursuant to R.S. 37:831 et seq.; regulates cemeteries through the Louisiana
2 Cemetery Board pursuant to Title 8 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; restricts the
3 entering into of preneed funeral contracts to duly licensed funeral establishments pursuant
4 to R.S. 37:861; and prohibits funeral establishments and their agents from using "cappers,
5 steerers, or runners" and from soliciting, accepting, or paying consideration for
6 recommending a provider of funeral goods and services pursuant to R.S. 37:846(A)(3), but
7 does not define, license, register, or set qualifications for persons offering paid funeral
8 planning or end-of-life doula services as a profession; and

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 establish and provide for a subcommittee of the House Committee on Commerce to study
11 and recommend legislation, administrative rules, or other measures concerning the
12 regulation, credentialing, and oversight of persons offering paid funeral planning, and may
13 propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, and to make
14 recommendations on or before November 1, 2026, unless the chair of the subcommittee
15 determines additional time is needed. Any recommendations or proposals shall be submitted
16 by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library
17 as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recommends that the
19 subcommittee include consideration of all of the following:

20 (1) Whether terms such as "funeral planner", "death doula", and related designations
21 ought to be defined in law, the appropriate scope of practice for each, and any necessary
22 exemptions for clergy, hospice workers, or volunteers.

23 (2) Whether such persons should be subject to licensure, registration, certification,
24 bonding, or other credentialing, and the minimum education, training, examination, and
25 continuing education standards appropriate to the profession.

26 (3) Whether a prohibition of undisclosed finder's fees, commissions, or other
27 arrangements with licensed funeral establishments, cemetery authorities, crematories, or
28 insurers; or restrictions on the handling of consumer funds and insurance products marketed
29 in connection with funeral planning, consistent with R.S. 37:846, or with R.S. 37:861

1 through R.S. 37:866, and any other applicable provisions of the law and administrative codes
2 of this state; ought to be enacted.

3 (4) Contractual disclosure, transparency, and right-of-cancellation requirements, and
4 whether a consumer complaint, investigation, and disciplinary process is warranted,
5 including civil penalties and grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of any license.

6 (5) The allocation of civil and criminal liability between licensed funeral
7 establishments and unlicensed funeral planners or end-of-life doulas, and any necessary safe
8 harbor or due diligence framework for licensed establishments interacting with such persons.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall hold public hearings to
10 receive testimony from any interested party and shall specifically solicit advice and guidance
11 from the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association, the Louisiana Funeral Directors and
12 Morticians Association, the Louisiana Cemetery Association, and other funeral industry
13 professionals.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the House Committee on Commerce
15 or his designee shall serve as chair of the subcommittee at its initial meeting, to be held on
16 or before August 1, 2026.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 president of the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association, the president of the Louisiana
19 Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, and the president of the Louisiana Cemetery
20 Association.

DIGEST

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Creates a subcommittee of the House Committee on Commerce to study whether persons working as funeral planners, funeral arrangers, end-of-life doulas, death doulas, or under any similar designation should be subject to state regulation, credentialing, and oversight.