

1 WHEREAS, it has also been estimated that, in Louisiana over the next ten years, an
2 individual will pay an average of two thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars more for
3 single coverage and an average of four thousand five hundred twelve dollars more for family
4 coverage, a small group employer will pay an average of two thousand five hundred eighty-
5 nine dollars more for single coverage and an average of six thousand three hundred ninety-
6 one dollars more for family coverage, and a large group employer will pay an average of two
7 thousand eight hundred thirty dollars more for single coverage and an average of six
8 thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars more for family coverage; and

9 WHEREAS, it has been further estimated that a Medicare policyholder in Louisiana
10 will pay on average four thousand one hundred eleven dollars more for coverage, all within
11 the same time period; and

12 WHEREAS, estimates additionally indicate that the health insurance tax will also
13 impact the national economy over the next ten years by reducing future private sector jobs
14 by as much as one hundred twenty-five thousand, with approximately fifty-nine percent for
15 small businesses, and reducing potential sales by at least eighteen billion dollars, with
16 approximately fifty percent for small businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance
18 coverage, particularly younger, healthier people, who are likely to drop their policies if they
19 become too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage even less
20 affordable.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal
23 Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended
24 by Section 10905 of that Act and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education
25 Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152), which imposes a health insurance tax, in order to make
26 health care more affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
29 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal that portion of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by that act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, which imposes a health insurance tax beginning in 2014.