

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR MILLS

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Requests the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to place on its official website a link to information regarding end of life care in the state of Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to place on its official website a link to information regarding end of life care in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in 2012 an estimated one million five hundred thousand to one million six hundred thousand patients received services from hospice; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, the hospice industry has been marked by substantial growth in the number of hospice programs and patients served; and

WHEREAS, as the average life span in the United States has increased so has the number of individuals who die of chronic progressive diseases that require longer term and more sustained care; and

WHEREAS, according to 2012 Medicare information, nearly half of all dying Louisianians received hospice care; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Natural Death Act and the LaPOST statute contains language providing nothing shall be construed to condone, authorize, or approve mercy killing or euthanasia or to permit any affirmative or deliberate act or mission to end life other than to permit the natural process of dying.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to place on its official

1 website a link to information regarding end of life care in the state of Louisiana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

3 executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

The original instrument was prepared by Christopher D. Adams. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to original bill

1. Changes the provision regarding end of life care from a one hour continuing educational class to an informational link on the LA State Board of Medical Examiners' website.