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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR WARD

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study adult guardianship relative to duties arising under "Peter Falk" statutes adopted in other states.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding state adult guardianship and ascendant laws relative to duties arising under "Peter Falk" statutes adopted in other states.

WHEREAS, there have recently been high profile cases in which adult children from a previous marriage have been denied the right to visit their incapacitated parent by the current spouse; and

WHEREAS, for example, the children of actor Peter Falk were not notified of major changes in their father's condition or of funeral/burial arrangements until after his death; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this issue has resulted in the consideration and adoption in other states of laws known as "Peter Falk" laws concerning the duties of adult guardians to the children of such incapacitated adults.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding whether revisions to present laws of the state are necessary in light of "Peter Falk" laws adopted in other states concerning adult guardianship duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit a written report of its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the Legislature of

Louisiana no later than February 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ben Huxen.

DIGEST

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