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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

HEALTH SERVICES: Continues and provides with respect to the Task Force on Telehealth Access

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To continue and provide with respect to the Task Force on Telehealth Access created by
3	House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature.
4	WHEREAS, through House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 of the 2014 Regular
5	Session, the legislature formed a task force to act as an advisory body to the legislature and
6	the Louisiana Department of Health on policies and practices that expand access to
7	telehealth services and directed the task force to report to the governor and the legislature
8	on the status of telehealth access in Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, the task force is composed of members who, individually and
10	collectively, possess significant expertise concerning the provision of healthcare services to
11	Louisiana citizens; and
12	WHEREAS, since its inception, the task force has convened and submitted reports
13	to the governor and legislature as required by House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 of the
14	2014 Regular Session; and fulfilled other purposes as provided or required by said
15	resolution; and
16	WHEREAS, although legislation enacted subsequent to House Concurrent
17	Resolution No. 88 of the 2014 Regular Session eliminated the requirement that a licensed
18	healthcare professional be in the examination room with the patient at the time telemedicine
19	services are delivered, there still exists a need to expand and eliminate barriers to telehealth
20	access, particularly in rural and other medically underserved areas; and

1 WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, continuation of this task force's efforts is a

- 2 priority of the legislature.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 4 continue the Task Force on Telehealth Access created by House Concurrent Resolution No.
- 5 88 of the 2014 Regular Session.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall
- 7 continue through December 31, 2021.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the task force shall continue as
- 9 provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 of the 2014 Regular Session.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the study committee shall
- 11 continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 of the 2014 Regular Session.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the executive director of the Louisiana
- 14 State Board of Medical Examiners, the chancellor of Louisiana State University Health
- 15 Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of Louisiana State University Health
- 16 Sciences Center at Shreveport, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and
- 17 Corrections, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the
- chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the executive director of the
- 19 Louisiana Primary Care Association, the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse
- 20 Practitioners, the president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association,
- 21 the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, Inc., the executive director of the
- 22 Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the dean of the Tulane University School of
- 23 Medicine, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, the
- president of the HomeCare Association of Louisiana, the chief executive officer of the
- 25 Louisiana Cable and Telecommunications Association, the director of the TexLa Telehealth
- Resource Center, the chief executive officer of Ochsner Health System, the chief executive
- officer of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, the president of the Louisiana
- Academy of Medical Psychologists, the president of the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical
- Association, the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, and the chief
- 30 executive officer of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance.

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