

1 updates to board-related statutes and occasional oversight of administrative rules that the
2 boards promulgate; however, when health professions oppose and compete with each other,
3 associations representing opposing provider groups bring these matters to the legislature in
4 the form of requests for legislation to either expand one group's scope of practice or diminish
5 another's, and even the small minority of legislators with a background in health care find
6 it extremely challenging to make policy decisions that truly serve the public interest when
7 dealing with scope of practice legislation; and

8 WHEREAS, by playing out in such a public setting as the state legislature, conflicts
9 over scope of practice proposals, which can be among the most heated that legislators ever
10 experience, reflect negatively on the parties involved; and

11 WHEREAS, several other states have seen fit to create independent scope of practice
12 review programs as mechanisms for obtaining objective evaluations of proposals relating to
13 health professions' scope of practice prior to those proposals going before those states'
14 legislative bodies; and

15 WHEREAS, two of the most successful initiatives of this type are the Scope of
16 Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program of the Connecticut Department of
17 Public Health and the Credentialing Review Program of the Nebraska Department of Health
18 and Human Services.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 authorize and direct each of the following healthcare professional licensing boards to
21 evaluate the Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program of the
22 Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Credentialing Review Program of the
23 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services as potential models for such a program
24 in this state:

- 25 (1) The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
- 26 (2) The Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- 27 (3) The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.
- 28 (4) The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.
- 29 (5) The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
- 30 (6) The Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners.

- 1 (7) The Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- 2 (8) The Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.
- 3 (9) The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy.
- 4 (10) The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and
5 Audiology.
- 6 (11) The Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition.
- 7 (12) The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- 8 (13) The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners.
- 9 (14) The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.
- 10 (15) The Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.
- 11 (16) The Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.
- 12 (17) The Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
13 Board of Examiners.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board listed shall determine its position
15 concerning each of the following matters:

16 (1) Whether the Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program
17 of the Connecticut Department of Public Health is a suitable model for a program of this
18 type in Louisiana.

19 (2) Whether the Credentialing Review Program of the Nebraska Department of
20 Health and Human Services is a suitable model for a program of this type in Louisiana.

21 (3) Whether any other established program or any potential system not yet
22 established would serve as a suitable model for an independent scope of practice review
23 program for Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board which is subject to the provisions of
25 this Resolution shall submit a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the
26 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before December 31, 2021 which includes
27 all of the following:

28 (1) Its position concerning whether or not the Scope of Practice Determinations for
29 Health Professions Program of the Connecticut Department of Public Health is a suitable
30 model for a program of this type in Louisiana and the rationale for this position.

1 (2) Its position concerning whether or not the Credentialing Review Program of the
2 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is a suitable model for a program of
3 this type in Louisiana and the rationale for this position.

4 (3) Information other established programs or potential systems, if any, which would
5 serve as a suitable model for an independent scope of practice review program for Louisiana.

6 (4) The current scope of practice of each healthcare profession that it licenses.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each board which is subject to the provisions of
8 this Resolution may provide in the report required by this Resolution any information and
9 commentary it deems appropriate for the legislative committees on health and welfare to
10 consider on the matter of the potential establishment of an independent scope of practice
11 review program for this state.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 executive director and the chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners,
14 the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse
15 Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the
16 Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic
17 Examiners, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, the Louisiana Board of Massage
18 Therapy, the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,
19 the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, the Louisiana State Board of
20 Examiners of Psychologists, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of
21 Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, the Louisiana Behavior
22 Analyst Board, the Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority, and the Louisiana
23 Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners.

DIGEST

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Authorizes and directs each healthcare professional licensing board of this state to determine its position concerning each of the following matters:

- (1) Whether the Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions Program of the Connecticut Dept. of Public Health is a suitable model for a program of this type in La.
- (2) Whether the Credentialing Review Program of the Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services is a suitable model for a program of this type in La.
- (3) Whether any other established program or any potential system not yet established would serve as a suitable model for an independent scope of practice review program for La.

Requires that each licensing board to which this Resolution applies report its determination regarding potential models for an independent scope of practice review program in La. to the La. legislative committees on health and welfare on or before Dec. 31, 2021.