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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

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ENVIRONMENT/LITTERING: Requests the enforcement of certain littering ordinances in the city of New Orleans

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the city of New Orleans to enforce ordinances that prohibit littering on
3	or near the premises of commercial retail establishments and to take all necessary
4	steps to collect payment from the owners of properties that house such
5	establishments and the lessees of such owners for fines imposed for violations of
6	these ordinances, including the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of all
7	occupational licenses and other permits granted to the owners and lessees for the
8	legal operation of a commercial retail establishment.
9	WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans is a vibrant and lively city and a major driver
10	of the state's economy as it is an annual destination for millions of conventioneers and
11	tourists from all over the world; and
12	WHEREAS, it is imperative that the city recognize that effective litter control and
13	enforcement protects the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and enhances the beauty
14	and quality of the environment; and
15	WHEREAS, the city's residents, civic leaders, and business owners have a mutual
16	interest in maintaining all property located in the city in a safe and sanitary condition; and
17	WHEREAS, over the years, the New Orleans City Council has adopted many
18	ordinances that prohibit littering within the city and many residents, business owners, and
19	tourists have received fines for violations of these ordinances; and
20	WHEREAS, recently, the amount of litter found on or near the premises of
21	commercial retail establishments has increased significantly and the owners of properties

1 that house these establishments and the lessees of such owners have repeatedly been found 2 in violation of the city's litter ordinances; and 3 WHEREAS, many of the owners and lessees have refused to pay the fines imposed 4 and the city has not been vigilant in collecting these fines and has continued to grant 5 occupational licenses and other business permits to these owners and lessees; and 6 WHEREAS, the city must take immediate action to curb littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments as this matter is generating enormous concern 7 8 within the community and has risen to the level of a public nuisance by interfering with the 9 comfort and convenience of the general public. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 10 11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the city of New Orleans to enforce 12 ordinances that prohibit littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments 13 and to take all necessary steps to collect payment from the owners of properties that house 14 such establishments and the lessees of such owners for fines imposed for violations of these 15 ordinances, including the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of all occupational licenses 16 and other permits granted to the owners and lessees for the legal operation of a commercial 17 retail establishment. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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Requests the city of New Orleans to enforce ordinances that prohibit littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments and to take all necessary steps to collect fines imposed for the violations of these ordinances.