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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR MILLS

ECONOMIC DEVELOP DEPT. Requests the Department of Economic Development to study the economic impact on pharmacies owned and operated by Louisiana citizens due to the use of out-of-state pharmacy benefit management companies by the state and its political subdivisions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Economic Development to study the economic  
3 impact on pharmacies owned and operated by Louisiana citizens from the use of out-  
4 of-state pharmacy management companies by the state of Louisiana and its political  
5 subdivisions.

6 WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that patients prefer a face-to-face  
7 relationship with their health care provider; and

8 WHEREAS, these studies have further indicated that patients consulting with their  
9 pharmacist leads to improved health benefits and general cost savings of seventy-eight  
10 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, over one thousand two hundred pharmacies operate in Louisiana and  
12 provide quality jobs to Louisiana citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, several health plans utilized by the state and its political subdivisions  
14 appear to prefer out-of-state pharmacy management companies to pharmacies owned and  
15 operated by Louisiana citizens to provide prescriptions to its policy holders; and

16 WHEREAS, many citizens are concerned that this preference for out-of-state  
17 pharmacy management companies may cause undue harm to pharmacies owned and  
18 operated by Louisiana citizens.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
2 does hereby urge and request the Department of Economic Development to study the  
3 economic impact on pharmacies owned and operated by Louisiana citizens from the use of  
4 out-of-state pharmacy management companies by the state of Louisiana and its political  
5 subdivisions.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

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

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DIGEST

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