

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Medical Device Distribution in Louisiana which shall review existing regulations and propose revisions of regulations and the elimination of duplicate regulations related to the distribution of medical devices while remaining focused on the protection of the health and safety of Louisiana citizens.

WHEREAS, the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of medical devices is strictly regulated by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and

WHEREAS, medical devices are atypical in the manner in which they are developed, manufactured, and provided to patients by a licensed healthcare provider and require a unique blueprint for regulation; and

WHEREAS, presently, the FDA is implementing a Unique Device Identification system and other measures to enhance the safety and performance of medical devices; and

WHEREAS, several states, including California, Florida, and Maryland, have recently eliminated state medical device regulations that are duplicative of federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current budget issues in Louisiana present an opportunity to identify state operations and regulations that would reduce state expenditures, if eliminated; and

WHEREAS, a task force is needed to review existing regulations and report its findings and make recommendations regarding the balancing of the regulation of medical device distribution with the goal of protecting the health and safety of Louisiana citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Task Force on Medical Device Distribution in Louisiana to review existing regulations and propose revisions of regulations and the elimination of duplicate regulations while remaining focused on the protection of the health and safety of Louisiana citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall consist of the following:

(1) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or her designee.

(2) The president of the Louisiana Senate, or his designee.

(3) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.

(4) The executive director of the Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors, or his designee.

(5) A representative of the Advanced Medical Technological Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director of the Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors, or his designee, shall serve as the task force chairperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of the task force members shall be communicated to the chairperson no later than August 15, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force chairperson shall call the first meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors shall keep minutes of the task force meetings and shall provide any organizational and secretarial support necessary to accomplish the work of the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without pay or per diem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Senate and the House of Representatives no later than December 15, 2015, at which time the task force shall terminate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the executive director of the Louisiana Board of Drug and Device Distributors, and the Advanced Medical Technological Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE