

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER AND GAROFALO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards to adopt emergency rules suspending fees that are imposed on businesses until the final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, many Louisiana businesses have felt a financial hit due to stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures in place since the beginning of March 2020 in light of the global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, economic fallout from the pandemic has made abundantly clear how important businesses are to the fabrics of communities; and

WHEREAS, as businesses prepare to reopen and recover, state agencies have an opportunity to support them by suspending licensing fees; one less expense for business owners and operators during this difficult time can make a positive impact on their livelihoods, their communities, and the economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct state agencies and licensing boards to suspend license renewal fees imposed on existing businesses based in Louisiana as part of a response to and way to help businesses reopen and recover from COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that agencies and boards are directed to suspend such fees on renewals due from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall not apply to any state agency or licensing board estimated to be able to operate for fewer than one and a half years on reserve funds pursuant to the Legislative Auditor's report of boards and commission's financials for the state's 2019 fiscal year.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE