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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 4

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GAMING: Requests that the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice study the employment opportunities for minorities and the participation of small and minority-owned businesses in the gaming industry

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to study the practices of  
3 gaming properties as they relate to employment opportunities for minorities and  
4 participation of small and minority-owned businesses, and to report its findings to  
5 the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of  
6 the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature from 1990 through 1992 authorized several  
8 forms of gaming, including gaming upon riverboats along designated waterways, gaming  
9 at a land-based casino, the operation of video draw poker devices, and the conducting of a  
10 state lottery; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Louisiana Legislature authorized slot machine gaming at  
12 eligible live horse racing facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, during the past twenty-three years, the gaming industry has contributed  
14 \$14.3 billion to the state budget; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana gaming industry has served as an economic development  
16 tool, and our laws have been designed to provide the greatest economic benefit to all of the  
17 citizens of Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana law requires as a condition of suitability for the issuance of  
19 a riverboat gaming license and the operation of slot machines at live racing facilities that the

1 owners of those properties provide the maximum practical opportunities for participation by  
2 the broadest number of small and minority-owned businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana law requires as a condition of suitability for the issuance of  
4 a riverboat gaming license and the operation of slot machines at live racing facilities that the  
5 owners of those properties must have a good faith plan to recruit, train, and upgrade  
6 minorities in all employment classifications; and

7 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the House of Representatives to periodically  
8 review these processes to determine the status of employment of minorities and the  
9 participation of small and minority-owned businesses in the gaming industry.

10 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests  
11 the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to study the practices of gaming  
12 properties as they relate to the employment of minorities and the participation of small and  
13 minority-owned businesses, and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior  
14 to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall seek input from the  
16 Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the office of state police gaming division, the gaming  
17 division of the office of the attorney general, the gaming industry, and any other parties  
18 deemed appropriate by the committee.

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#### DIGEST

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