

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE