

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 32

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<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
√32:1(1)	Amend	281	1	
R √32:1(111) ⁽³⁾	Enact	107	2	✓
R √32:1(112) ⁽⁴⁶⁾	Enact	107	2	✓
R √32:1(113) ⁽⁷⁰⁾	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:43(A)(3)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:43(A)(4)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:44(B)	Repeal	107	3	✓
√32:44(C)	Repeal	107	3	✓
√32:45(A)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:45(B)(1)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:45(C)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:46(C)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:46(D)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:46(E)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(Intro.Par.)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(2)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(4)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(5)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(6)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:47(A)(7)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:47(B)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:47(C)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:48(B)(4)(e)	Amend	107	2	✓
√32:48(B)(9)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:48(B)(10)	Enact	107	2	✓
√32:49	Amend	107	2	✓

√32:57(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	202	-----	1	
√32:57(H)	-----Amend-----	202	-----	1	
√32:57(I)	-----Amend-----	202	-----	1	
√32:57(J)	-----Enact-----	202	-----	1	
√32:59	-----Enact-----	288	-----	2	✓
√32:61(C)	-----Enact-----	194	-----	2	✓ 06/08/2025 ✓
√32:64(D)	-----Enact-----	194	-----	2	✓ 06/08/2025 ✓
√32:65(G)	-----Enact-----	194	-----	2	✓ 06/08/2025 ✓
√32:71(B)(2)	-----Amend-----	24	-----	1	
√32:297.1	-----Enact-----	203	-----	1	
√32:300.5 thru 300.8	-----Repeal-----	288	-----	3	✓
√32:361.1(C)(1)	-----Amend-----	143	-----	1	
√32:408(B)(2)(d)	-----Amend-----	66	-----	1	
√32:413(F)	-----Enact-----	302	-----	1	
√32:414.6	-----Enact-----	292	-----	1	
√32:866(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	16	-----	1	
√32:866(C)	-----Amend-----	16	-----	1	
√32:866(F)	-----Amend-----	16	-----	1	
√32:1252(51)	-----Amend-----	408	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
√32:1253(A)	-----Amend-----	408	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
√32:1261(A)(1)(t)(i)	-----Amend-----	408	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
√32:1261(A)(1)(t)(iii)	-----Amend-----	408	-----	1	06/20/2025 ✓
√32:1270.30.1	-----Enact-----	405	-----	1	

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ACT 281

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 474

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~32:1(1)~~, relative to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle"; to provide for the addition of authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions


When used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means a vehicle of a fire department, a vehicle of the department's weights and standards police force, a police vehicle, a private vehicle, a privately owned vehicle belonging to members of an organized volunteer fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire department or fire district, an industrial-owned vehicle assigned to members of a fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire department or fire district, a vehicle parked or stopped by elevator repair or construction personnel while responding to an elevator emergency, such as ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles certified by the Louisiana Department of Health that are operated by certified ambulance services, vehicles used for coroner investigations as designated by the parish coroner, and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are

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designated or authorized by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or by the chief of police of any incorporated municipality. For purposes of this Section, elevator repair shall be limited to those elevators that move people.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 107

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SENATE BILL NO. 99

BY SENATOR CATHEY AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CREWS,
DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT,
JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MCCORMICK, OWEN, ROMERO,
SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, WILDER AND WYBLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A)(2) and R.S. 32:43(A)(3), 45(A), (B)(1), and (C),
46(C) and (D), the introductory paragraph of 47(A) and 47(A)(2) and (4), and (B),
48(B)(4)(e), and 49, to enact R.S. 32:1(111), (112), and (113), 43(A)(4), 46(E),
47(A)(5), (6), (7), and (C), and 48(B)(9) and (10), and to repeal R.S. 32:44(B) and
(C), relative to malfeasance in office; to provide for the provisions for malfeasance
in office regarding issuance of traffic camera citations; to provide relative to traffic
camera recording devices; to provide for penalties for malfeasance in office; to
clarify the penalties associated with the use of automated speed enforcement devices
used in certain manners; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:134(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§134. Malfeasance in office

A. Malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public
does any of the following
employee shall:

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performs
(2) Intentionally perform any such duty in an unlawful manner, including

violating the provisions of R.S. 32:43 et seq., or

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Section 2. R.S. 32:43(A)(3), 45(A), (B)(1), and (C), 46(C) and (D), the introductory
paragraph of 47(A) and 47(A)(2) and (4), and (B), 48(B)(4)(e), and 49 are hereby amended
and reenacted, and R.S. 32:1(111), (112), and (113), 43(A)(4), 46(E), 47(A)(5), (6), (7), and
(C), and 48(B)(9) and (10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions

when used in this Chapter...

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2 (2)-(44)→(4)-(45) ⁽¹¹¹⁾ "Automated speed enforcement device" means an unmanned or
 3 handheld camera or optical device installed to work in conjunction with a
 4 traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed
 5 to collect photographic evidence of alleged traffic violations for the issuance of
 6 traffic citations by recording images that depict the license plate or other
 7 identifying feature of a motor vehicle not in compliance with instruction of a
 8 traffic control signal or posted traffic sign.

(111)→(3)
 (112)→(4b)
 (113)→(70)

9 ^(4b)
 10 (112) "Mobile speed camera" means a device designed to collect
 11 photographic or video evidence of an alleged violation of a posted speed limit
 12 by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of
 13 a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with a posted speed limit
 14 sign.

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 16 (113) "Red light camera" means a device installed at an intersection
 17 designed to collect photographic or video evidence of alleged traffic violations
 18 by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of
 19 a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic
 20 control signal or a posted traffic sign.

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22 §43. Automated speed enforcement devices; prohibition

23 A. * * *

24 (3) Automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed cameras
 25 shall not be used anywhere other than school zones lawfully posted in
 26 accordance with R.S. 32:47. An unmanned automated speed enforcement device
 27 shall not be used to issue speeding citations in a school zone when a driver is not
 28 exceeding the posted speed limit immediately prior to the school zone if school zone
 29 signs are not posted at the entrance and exit of the school zone.

30 (4) The provisions contained in this Section shall not apply to a
governing authority of a municipality with a population of less than sixteen
thousand and more than fifteen thousand according to the latest federal

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decennial census within a parish with a population of less than ninety thousand and more than seventy thousand according to the latest federal decennial census.

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§45. Required notification for automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed camera cameras

A. Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities shall post signs indicating that a an automated speed enforcement device or mobile speed camera is present. The sign shall be posted no less than two hundred fifty feet and no more than five hundred feet of the location of each automated speed enforcement device or mobile speed camera in such a manner as to be clearly visible, not obstructed by any barrier, equipment, vegetation, or other object, and shall be easily viewable by drivers approaching the automated speed enforcement device or mobile speed camera. The sign shall comply with the current manual and specifications adopted by the Department of Transportation and Development pursuant to R.S. 32:235.

B.(1) Failure of a municipal or parish authority to comply with Subsection A of this Section shall prohibit the use of any photographic or video images collected by the automated speed enforcement device or mobile speed camera to impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty by or on behalf of the municipal or parish authority.

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C. For the purposes of this Section, an "automated speed enforcement device or mobile speed camera" means a manned, unmanned, or portable device designed to collect photographic or video evidence of an alleged violation of a posted speed limit by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with a posted speed limit sign.

§46. Electronic enforcement devices; school zone restrictions

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C. The provisions contained in this Section shall not apply to a governing

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authority of a municipality with a population of less than sixteen thousand and more than fifteen thousand according to the latest federal decennial census within a parish with a population of less than ninety thousand and more than seventy thousand according to the latest federal decennial census.

~~C.(1)~~**D.(1)** Revenue generated as a result of electronic enforcement devices in school zones shall be divided between the governing authority of the school where the traffic citation was issued and the municipality after the governing authority pays the contractor or vendor for the costs of providing the electronic enforcement devices and related services.

(2) A cooperative endeavor agreement executed by the municipality and each governing authority of the schools located within the municipality's boundaries shall be in place prior to the implementation of automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed cameras.

~~(3) Revenue generated within Orleans Parish outside of a school zone shall only be used for the purposes of stormwater drainage infrastructure, maintenance, and improvements.~~

~~(4) Revenue generated as a result of electronic enforcement devices outside of a school zone shall only be used for public safety purposes.~~

~~D.(1)~~**E.(1)** Any jurisdiction that submits a local match waiver for capital outlay shall disclose the amount of revenue collected from ~~handheld traffic cameras~~ **electronic enforcement devices**. The failure to disclose the information required by this Subsection shall result in any local match waiver being revoked.

(2) No local match waiver shall be revoked pursuant to this Subsection for any of the following types of capital outlay projects:

- (a) Water system projects.
- (b) Sewer system projects.
- (c) Natural gas system projects.

§47. Use of handheld speed recording devices; restrictions

A. Automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras pursuant to R.S. 32:43 and 45 that are ~~handheld or manned, and~~ used to issue a citation of an

1 alleged violation by mail shall only be used by local municipal authorities or local
2 parish authorities in the following instances:

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4 (2) The device or camera is ~~not within one half mile of a speed limit change~~
5 ~~of ten miles per hour or greater. This provision shall not apply to school zones in a~~
6 school zone lawfully posted in accordance with this Subsection.

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8 (4) Upon the entrance to each school zone, there shall be painted a two-
9 foot-wide yellow stripe completely across the roadway with "Entering School
10 Zone" painted in twelve-inch white lettering visible therein.

11 (5) Two hundred feet before the entrance to each school zone, there shall
12 be painted a two-foot-wide yellow stripe completely across the roadway with
13 "School Zone Ahead" painted in twelve-inch white lettering visible therein.

14 (6) Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities shall post
15 signs, indicating that an automated speed enforcement device camera is present,
16 within two hundred feet of the school zone, in such a manner as to be clearly
17 visible to traffic approaching the school zone.

18 (7)(a) If a device or camera is used while in an authorized vehicle, the
19 authorized vehicle shall be clearly marked as a law enforcement vehicle.

20 (b) If a device or camera is used by a traffic or law enforcement officer while
21 not in a vehicle, the officer shall wear a reflective vest, clearly indicating that the
22 officer is law enforcement or that the officer is conducting speed enforcement
23 measures.

24 B. Criminal fines or fees shall not be imposed as a result of ~~handheld or~~
25 ~~manned devices~~ automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras
26 for the purpose of issuing a citation violation by mail, nor shall failure to pay the
27 citation result in reporting to any credit bureaus.

28 C. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the use of handheld,
29 manned, or unmanned automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed
30 cameras that can be mounted in a vehicle or deployed at various locations to

1 monitor and record the speed of passing traffic for the purpose of issuing a
2 citation of an alleged violation by mail intentionally inconsistent with R.S. 32:43
3 et seq. It shall be punishable as provided for in R.S. 14:134.

4 §48. Violations; administrative hearing

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6 B. The administrative process shall include, at a minimum, the following:

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8 (4) It shall be an affirmative defense to the imposition of civil liability
9 pursuant to this Subpart when:

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11 (e) At the time of the violation, the person who received the notice of
12 violation was not the owner of the vehicle at the time of the violation or the vehicle
13 was in the care, custody, and control of another person where the owner furnishes a
14 truthful affidavit which provides certifies or otherwise indicates that the vehicle at
15 the time of the violation was not in his care, custody, or control or that the person
16 was not the owner of the vehicle.

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18 (9) Any administrative hearing or judicial review of an adverse decision
19 shall be conducted at no cost to the owner of the vehicle requesting review.

20 (10) Each mailed citation shall include a self-addressed stamped
21 envelope, a Quick Response code, or other internet link to a portal that provides
22 vehicle owners access to the certification referenced in Subparagraph (4)(e) of
23 this Subsection without a fee.

24 §49. Citations

25 A. Citations issued for violations of R.S. 32:47 and 48 through the use of
26 automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras shall contain on
27 the back of the citation an attestation wherein the driver who receives the violation
28 can attest either that at the time of the violation, the person who received the notice
29 of violation was not the owner of the vehicle or that the vehicle was in the care,
30 custody, and control of another at the time of the violation. Nothing in this Section

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shall require that the owner's attestation referenced in this Section be notarized.

The driver who receives the violation shall have the option to provide information on who was the owner or driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation but shall not be required to do so.

B. Citations issued through the use of automated speed enforcement devices, red light cameras, or mobile speed cameras that become final delinquent debts, pursuant to R.S. 32:8, shall not be referred to the office of debt recovery within the Department of Revenue.

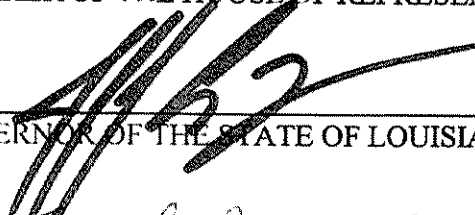
Section 3. R.S. 32:44(B) and (C) are hereby repealed.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 202

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HOUSE BILL NO. 499

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I)~~ and to enact R.S. 32:57(J), relative to traffic offenses occurring in construction zones and utility work safety zones; to provide specific monetary penalties for exceeding the speed limit or breaching a construction zone or work safety zone when employees are present; to provide for specific monetary and confinement penalties if motor vehicle violations occur in a highway safety corridor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:57(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§57. Penalties; alternatives to citation

A.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and Subsections H and I of this Section, the first violation of the provisions of this Chapter or any regulation of the department, secretary, and commissioner made pursuant thereto shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred seventy-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, unless otherwise specifically provided. A subsequent violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

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H. If a person operating a motor vehicle exceeds the speed limit or breaches a construction zone or utility work safety zone on the portion of a highway or road


1 which is under active construction or maintenance and construction or utility workers
2 are on site, or which is in the process of being repaired and construction or utility
3 workers are on site, the fine shall be ~~twice the standard fine imposed~~ not less than
4 five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

5 I. If a person operating a motor vehicle violates the provisions of this
6 Chapter while on the portion of a highway which is designated as a highway safety
7 corridor pursuant to R.S. 32:267, the fine shall be ~~twice the standard fine imposed~~
8 not less than seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or
9 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, unless otherwise specifically
10 provided.

11 J. For purposes of Subsections H and I of this Section, the following words
12 shall have the following meanings:

13 (1) "Construction zone" shall mean an area of a highway with construction,
14 maintenance, or utility work activities marked by temporary traffic control devices
15 consisting of signs, channelizing devices, barriers, pavement markings, and work
16 vehicles.

17 (2) "Utility work safety zone" shall mean an area where utility companies
18 are actively performing work such as digging, installing, or repairing underground
19 or overhead utilities marked by temporary traffic control signs.



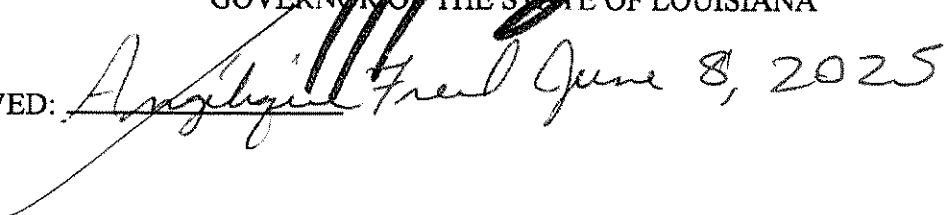
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

ACT 288

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 519

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARVER, COATES,
DOMANGUE, HEBERT, HENRY, MANDIE LANDRY, MELERINE, AND
WYBLE AND SENATOR MCMATH

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~15:571.11(A)(4)~~, to enact R.S. ~~32:59~~, and to repeal R.S. 32:300.5 through 300.8, relative to the operation of motor vehicles while using a wireless telecommunications device; to provide for definitions and application of terms; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for disposition of fines; to provide for limitation on law enforcement; to provide for the prevention of search and inspection; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:571.11(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures

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(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~twenty-five dollars from all fines collected pursuant to R.S. 32:300.5, 300.6, 300.7, and 300.8~~ one hundred dollars from all fines collected pursuant to R.S. 32:59 for a violation which occurs in a school zone or in a highway construction zone and fifty dollars from all fines collected pursuant to R.S. 32:59 for a violation which occurs in any location other than a school zone or highway construction zone shall be distributed to the indigent defender fund of the judicial district in which the citation was issued.

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~~Section 2. R.S. 32:59 is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

§59. Use of wireless telecommunications device prohibited: exceptions

A. Unless otherwise provided in this Subsection, all terms used in this Section shall have the same meaning as defined in R.S. 32:1. As used in this Section, the following terms shall apply:

1 (1) "Autonomous vehicle" means a vehicle that is equipped with autonomous
2 technology as defined in R.S. 32:1, which is licensed to operate on the public roads
3 and highways of this state and shall meet all applicable financial responsibility
4 requirements.

5 (2) "Hands-free wireless telephone" means a wireless telecommunications
6 device that has an internal feature or function, or is equipped with an attachment or
7 addition, whether or not permanently part of such device, by which a user engages
8 in a conversation without the use of either hand. The term "hands-free wireless
9 telephone" as defined in this Paragraph shall not preclude the use of either hand to
10 activate, deactivate, or initiate a function of the device.

11 (3) "Lawfully stationary" means any motor vehicle that has stopped, is in
12 park or neutral, or is standing while in gear and not moving, while also in a travel
13 lane or on the shoulder of a public road or highway, including when such action is
14 necessary to observe or avoid conflict with traffic or in compliance with the
15 directions of law enforcement or a traffic control device or signal.

16 (4) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled mechanical device on wheels,
17 designed primarily for use or that is primarily used on public roads and highways.
18 The term "motor vehicle" shall not include autonomous vehicles, all-terrain vehicles,
19 golf carts, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human power, or motorists
20 wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons.

21 (5) "Wireless telecommunications device" means a cellular telephone, a text-
22 messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a stand-alone computer or other
23 electronic device, or any other substantially similar portable wireless device that is
24 readily removable from the vehicle and is used to write, send, or read text or data
25 through manual input. The term "wireless telecommunications device" shall not
26 mean any device or component that is permanently affixed to a motor vehicle, or a
27 device used hands-free, citizens band radios, citizens band radio hybrids, commercial
28 two-way radio communications devices, two-way radio transmitters or receivers used
29 by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio
30 Service, or electronic communication devices with a push-to-talk function.

31 B.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except as
32 provided in Subsection C of this Section, no person shall operate any wireless

1 telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle upon any public road or
2 highway, unless the motor vehicle is lawfully stationary.

3 (2) Operating a wireless telecommunications device shall include:

4 (a) Engaging in a call, which means talking or listening during a voice
5 transmission on a wireless telecommunications device or manually entering names
6 or telephone numbers to initiate a voice transmission, except when using a hands-
7 free wireless telephone.

8 (b) Writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication, which means
9 using a text message, instant message, electronic mail, or other text-based
10 application to communicate with any person.

11 (c) Accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, which means
12 using a wireless telecommunications device to access, read, or post on such device
13 to any web-based service that allows individuals to construct a profile within a
14 bounded system, articulate a list of other users with whom they share a connection,
15 and communicate with other members of the site.

16 (d) Accessing, viewing, posting, editing, or creating a video, photograph, or
17 other image.

18 (e) Accessing, reading, viewing, composing, browsing, transmitting, saving,
19 or retrieving electronic data from any application or other media.

20 (f) Using any application or feature of a wireless telecommunications device
21 by making manual entries of letters, numbers, symbols, commands, or any
22 combination thereof.

23 (g) Holding or physically supporting a wireless telecommunications device
24 in either or both hands, except for an earpiece or headphone device as defined in R.S.
25 32:295.2(A) or a device worn on the wrist to talk or listen during a voice
26 transmission.

27 C. The provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall not apply to a person
28 who uses a wireless telecommunications device to do any of the following:

29 (1) Report a traffic collision, medical emergency, other emergency, or
30 serious road hazard.

31 (2) Report a situation in which the person believes that an individual is in
32 jeopardy of serious injury or death.

1 (3) Relay information between a transit of a for-hire operator, including a
2 transportation network company driver, and that operator's dispatcher, in which the
3 device is affixed to the vehicle.

4 (4) Operate a wireless telecommunications device while the motor vehicle
5 is lawfully stationary and not in violation of any other law. A utility vehicle or
6 roadside assistance vehicle which is parked while the utility worker or roadside
7 responder is in the course and scope of performing his duties shall be considered
8 lawfully stationary.

9 (5) Use a wireless telecommunications device in an official capacity as an
10 operator of an authorized emergency vehicle while in performance of official duties
11 as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency services or EMS practitioner.

12 (6) View data or images related to navigation of a motor vehicle using a
13 hands-free global positioning system.

14 (7) Dial 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress.

15 D.(1) Any violation of this Section shall constitute a nonmoving violation.

16 (2) If a violation of this Section occurs in a school zone or in a highway
17 construction zone it shall be a primary offense and shall be punishable as follows:

18 (a) By a fine of two hundred fifty dollars. At the judge's discretion, the fine
19 may be reduced to one hundred dollars with community service not to exceed fifteen
20 hours, at least half of which shall consist of a litter abatement program in a school
21 zone or highway construction zone.

22 (b) If a person is involved in a crash at the time of the violation, then the fine
23 shall be equal to double the amount of the fine imposed in Subparagraph (a) of this
24 Paragraph and the law enforcement officer investigating the crash shall indicate on
25 the written accident report that the person was using a wireless telecommunications
26 device at the time of the crash.

27 (3) If a violation of this Section occurs in any location other than a school
28 zone or highway construction zone it shall constitute a secondary offense when the
29 officer detains a driver for an alleged violation of another provision of this Chapter
30 and shall be punishable as follows:

1 (a) By a ^{judge's} ~~fine~~ of one hundred dollars. At the ~~judge's~~ discretion, the fine may
2 be reduced to fifty dollars with community service not to exceed fifteen hours, at
3 least half of which shall consist of the litter abatement program.

4 (b) If a person is involved in a crash at the time of the violation, then the fine
5 shall be equal to double the amount of the fine imposed in Subparagraph (a) of this
6 Paragraph and the law enforcement officer investigating the crash shall indicate on
7 the written accident report that the person was using a wireless telecommunications
8 device at the time of the crash.

9 (4) For violations of this Section not resulting in a crash causing bodily
10 injury or death of another person, a person may plead guilty or nolo contendere to
11 the alleged offense and pay the applicable fine specified in this Subsection. If a
12 person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the alleged offense, the person shall not
13 be required to appear in court if he waives the right to contest the charges and pays
14 the applicable fine specified in this Subsection.

15 (5) Use of a wireless telecommunications device for any purpose provided
16 for in Subsection C of this Section shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of
17 this Section and the operator of a motor vehicle may produce documentary or other
18 evidence in support of his defense.

19 (6) For any violation occurring before January 1, 2026, the law enforcement
20 officer shall only issue a written warning.

21 E.(1) A citation for a secondary offense violation of this Section shall be
22 based solely upon a law enforcement officer's clear and unobstructed view of a
23 person using a wireless telecommunications device as prohibited by this Section.

24 (2) A law enforcement officer shall not do any of the following based solely
25 upon a secondary offense violation of this Section:

26 (a) Seize, search, view, or require the forfeiture of a wireless
27 telecommunications device.

28 (b) Search or request to search a motor vehicle, motor vehicle operator, or
29 passenger.

30 (c) Make a custodial arrest except upon any open warrant including but not
31 limited to a warrant issued for failure to appear in court when summoned or for
32 failure to pay an imposed fine.

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F. The state preempts the field of regulating the use of a wireless telecommunications device by the operators of motor vehicles. The provisions of this Section shall supersede any local laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations enacted by a parish, municipality, or other political subdivision to regulate the use of a wireless telecommunications device by the operator of a motor vehicle.

G. Beginning April 1, 2027, and continuing until April 1, 2032, the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police shall submit a report annually to the legislature regarding the impact of the provisions of this Section, including the number of crashes caused by inattentive or distracted driving for each year, divided by different areas of the state, as such data is already collected. The report shall be based on data the Department of Transportation and Development and the office of state police collect under existing state law.

Section 3. R.S. 32:300.5 through 300.8 are hereby repealed.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  Friel June 11, 2025

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ACT 194

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

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Note:

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. ~~14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F) and~~
3 R.S. ~~32:61(C), 64(D), and 65(G)~~, relative to the imposition of fines for certain
4 driving offenses; to provide for an increase in fines related to the operation of a
5 motor vehicle; to provide for the dedication of revenue to the Louisiana Emergency
6 Response Network Fund; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. ~~14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F)~~
10 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §98.1. Operating while impaired; first offense; penalties

12 A.

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14 (4)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
15 conviction of a first offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional twenty-
16 five dollars.

17 (b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the
18 sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

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as established in R.S. 40:2845.

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§98.4. Operating while impaired; fourth offense; penalties

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(3)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon conviction of a fourth or subsequent offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional two hundred fifty dollars.

(b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

(c) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section ~~(9)~~⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund as established in R.S. 40:2845.

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§99. Reckless operation of a vehicle

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C.(1) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon conviction of the first offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional five dollars.

(2) In addition to the penalties imposed under this Section, upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional ten dollars.

(3) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

(4) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section ~~(9)~~⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund as established in R.S. 40:2845.

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§99.2. Reckless operation of an off-road vehicle

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F.(1) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon conviction the offender shall also be fined an additional five dollars.

(2) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

(3) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section ⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund as established in R.S. 40:2845.

~~Section 2. R.S. 32:61(C), 64(D), and 65(G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

§61. Maximum speed limit

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C.(1) In addition to any penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon violation the offender shall be fined an additional five dollars.

(2) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

(3) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section ⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund as established in R.S. 40:2845.

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§64. General speed law

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D.(1) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon violation the offender shall be fined an additional five dollars.

(2) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

(3) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section ⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer

1 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund
2 as established in R.S. 40:2845.

3 §65. Drag racing and racing on public roads and certain property; exemptions

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5 G.(1) In addition to any penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
6 violation the offender shall be fined an additional amount as follows:

7 (a) Ten dollars for a first offense.

8 (b) Twenty dollars for a second offense.

9 (c) Forty dollars for a third offense.

10 (d) One hundred dollars for a fourth or subsequent offense.

11 (2) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the
12 sheriff to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

13 (3) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
14 in Article VII, Section ~~9~~⁹(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
15 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund
16 as established in R.S. 40:2845.

17 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 24

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 11

BY SENATORS LUNEAU, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, HENRY, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, OWEN, PRICE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, BROWN, CARVER, EGAN, GLORIOSO, MANDIE LANDRY, MENA, WALTERS AND WILEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:71(B)(2), relative to the operation of a motor vehicle on the right side of the road; to provide for fines for certain offenses; to include secondary and tertiary level offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:71(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§71. Driving on right side of road; exceptions

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~~(2) In addition to the requirement of Paragraph 1 hereof, any Any vehicle proceeding on a multilane highway at a speed slower than ten miles per hour less than the posted maximum speed limit shall be driven in the right hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. Persons in violation of this Paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both: as follows:~~

(a) A fine of one hundred fifty dollars for the first offense.

(b) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars for a second subsequent offense within a twelve-month period of the first offense.

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(c) A fine of three hundred fifty dollars for a third subsequent offense within a twelve-month period of the first offense or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

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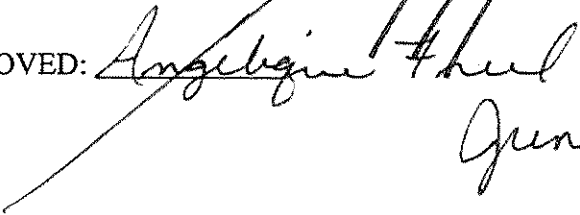
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 
June 4, 2025

ACT 203

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORGERON, MCMAKIN, NEWELL, AND RISER

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Note:

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:297.1, relative to the designation of alternative pathways for certain
3 vehicles in the town of Golden Meadow; to authorize the use of golf carts and low-
4 speed vehicles only on the shoulders of public roads and streets; to provide for
5 definitions; to establish speed limits; to enforce regulations for operators; to provide
6 for the registration of golf carts and low-speed vehicles; to authorize a governing
7 authority to assess a registration fee; and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by
9 Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 32:297.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §297.1. Alternative pathways for golf carts and low-speed vehicles

13 A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following
14 meanings:

15 ⁽⁴⁾
(1) "Town" means the town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

16 (2) "Governing authority" means the town council of the town of Golden
17 Meadow, Louisiana.

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(3) "Golf cart" means an electric four-wheeled vehicle originally intended
19 for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces whose maximum speed is
20 twenty-five miles per hour.

1 (3) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline
2 powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than twenty miles per hour but less than
3 twenty five miles per hour and is equipped with headlamps, front and rear turn signal
4 lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors, including one on each side as far to
5 the rear as practicable, and one red reflector on the rear of the vehicle, an exterior
6 mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, a parking
7 brake, a windshield that conforms to the American National Standard Institute's
8 "Safety Code for Safety Glazing Material for Glazing Motor Vehicles Operating on
9 Land Highways - Safety Standard", a windshield wiper, speedometer, odometer,
10 braking for each wheel, a seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating
11 position, and a vehicle identification number.

12 B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
13 governing authority may, in its discretion, by ordinance authorize the operation of
14 golf carts and low-speed vehicles only on the shoulder of a public road and street,
15 except for Louisiana Highway 3235, having a speed limit of thirty miles or less per
16 hour. The authorization shall be contained in an ordinance and recorded in the
17 minutes of the governing authority. The authorization may be accompanied by
18 conditions not inconsistent with this Section and may be revoked, in whole, or in
19 part, by the governing authority at any time.

20 (2) Any person operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle on the shoulder of
21 a public road or street in the town pursuant to this Section shall be properly licensed
22 to operate a vehicle upon any highway within this state and shall have in his
23 possession proof of insurance as required by Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the
24 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. ✓ ^{this}

25 C.(1) Every golf cart and low-speed vehicle operated pursuant to this Section
26 shall be required to be registered with the governing authority. The owner of the golf
27 cart or low-speed vehicle shall be issued a registration decal by the governing
28 authority that must be displayed as determined by the governing authority. The
29 registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering owner owns the golf cart
30 or low-speed vehicle.

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(2) The governing authority may, by ordinance, establish a registration fee for golf carts and low-speed vehicles. The registration fee shall be retained by the municipal clerk and deposited into the municipal general fund.



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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

ACT 143

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~32:361.1(C)(1)~~, relative to motor vehicle sun screening device regulations; to reduce the allowable light transmission percentage for any sun blocking film or device on the front side windows of motor vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:361.1(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§361.1. View outward or inward through windshield or windows; obscuring prohibited

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C. The provisions of this Section do not apply to any of the following:

(1) A sun screening device when used in conjunction with automotive safety glazing materials on the front side window, with a light transmission of at least forty twenty-five percent, all tolerances included, side window behind the driver with a light transmission of at least twenty-five percent, all tolerances included, and rearmost windows with a light transmission of at least twelve percent, all tolerances included. All sun screening devices shall not have a luminous reflectance of more than twenty percent.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 66

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~32:408(B)(2)(d)~~, relative to a Class "D" chauffeur's license; to remove the requirement that taxi cab drivers obtain a chauffeur's license; to specify that taxi cab drivers are only required to hold a Class "E" driver's license; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:408(B)(2)(d) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

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(d) Class "D" Chauffeur's License.

Permits the operation of all vehicles included in Class "E" plus any single motor vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand one or more pounds but less than twenty-six thousand one pounds, or any combination of vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle has a combined gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand one or more pounds but less than twenty-six thousand one pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds; or any vehicle designed or utilized for the

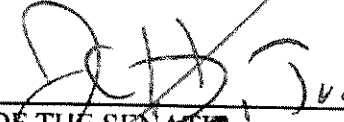
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transportation of passengers for hire or fee; and not utilized in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous under the provisions of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act which requires the vehicle to bear a placard under the provision of Hazardous Materials Regulations 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to taxi cab drivers. Taxi cab drivers shall only comply with the requirements for a Class "E" driver's license.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 4, 2025

ACT 302

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 679 (Substitute for House Bill No. 630 by Representative Bayham)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:413(F), relative to the fee for updating a driver's license to be compliant with REAL ID standards; to prohibit a duplicate fee from being applied to applicants updating or renewing a driver's license solely for the REAL ID credential; to only require payment of a handling fee for purposes of updating a driver's license to be REAL ID compliant; to provide for a termination date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:413(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§413. Loss or destruction of licenses; duplicate driver's license

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F. An applicant seeking to update a driver's license to become REAL ID compliant prior to the renewal eligibility of the driver's license shall be exempt from the fee imposed under this Section for the issuance of a duplicate license. The applicant shall be required to pay the handling fee as set forth in R.S. 32:412.1(B)(1)(c). The provisions of this Subsection shall terminate June 30, 2026.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 11, 2025

ACT 292

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 554

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

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Note: - NOTE §§ 2 & 3

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:414.6, relative to restriction codes on driver's licenses and identification cards; to provide for a notice of voting restrictions for persons who are not citizens of the United States and aliens who are lawfully present in the United States but have not attained citizenship; to provide for delivery of the notice in the form of official correspondence; to provide for penalties; to require the office of motor vehicles to adopt rules and regulations necessary to comply with the restriction code and notice requirements; to provide for severability; to require the office of motor vehicles to include the applicable credentials upon a system upgrade; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:414.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§414.6. Office of motor vehicles issued credentials; qualifications of voters; notice; restriction code

A. The office of motor vehicles shall not issue a state identification card or driver's license, regardless of class, to any person who is not either a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States. An alien who is lawfully present in the United States, but has not attained citizenship, may be issued a state identification card or driver's license, but the state identification card or driver's license must contain a restriction code.

B.(1) In addition to the requirement contained in Subsection A of this Section, the office of motor vehicles shall issue a notice in the form of official

1 correspondence to any person who is not a citizen of the United States, or an alien
2 who is lawfully present in the United States, but has not attained citizenship, that
3 reads as follows:

4 "(NOTICE OF VOTING RESTRICTIONS)

5 Under Article ~~X~~^I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, persons who are
6 not citizens of the United States shall not be allowed to register and vote in this state.
7 Persons who are not citizens of the United States who attempt to register to vote or
8 attempt to vote in Louisiana violate Louisiana Revised Statute 14:133.1.1. This is
9 a felony offense punishable by a fine of up to two thousand dollars, imprisonment
10 for up to two years, or both."

11 (2) The notice shall include a French, Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog,
12 and Vietnamese translation, along with any other translation as may be required by
13 federal law.

14 (3) The office of motor vehicles shall maintain a record of noncitizens who
15 have been provided notice as required by this Section. The data required by this
16 Paragraph shall be transmitted monthly to the secretary of state for the purpose of
17 voter list maintenance, in accordance with an agreement executed between the
18 parties.

19 C.(1) The office of motor vehicles shall adopt rules and regulations
20 necessary to implement the requirements of this Section, including mailing the notice
21 of voting restrictions and procedures for determining an individual's citizenship and
22 immigration status, along with a restriction code identifier, for the purpose of
23 assigning the restriction code.

24 (2) If the office of motor vehicles' system is unable to accommodate the
25 inclusion of the new restriction codes or credentials, any system upgrade shall
26 include the capability to comply with the requirements of this Section.

27 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
28 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
29 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
30 Act are hereby declared severable.

✓ [ACTC 2025, No. 292]

NOTE: RS 32:414.6

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Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, is hereby directed to imprint the restriction code onto all applicable credentials pursuant to this Act once its system is upgraded to comply with the requirements of this Act.

[Acts 2025, No. 292]


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: *Angellique Fred June 11, 2025*

ACT 16

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 434

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, HENRY, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, TURNER, WILDER, AND WYBLE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F)~~, relative to the recovery for certain damages; to provide a limitation of recovery under certain circumstances; to require automobile insurance to recover certain damages; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§866. Compulsory motor vehicle liability security; failure to comply; limitation of damages

A.(1) There shall be no recovery for the first ~~fifteen~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury and no recovery for the first ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars of property damage based on any cause or right of action arising out of a motor vehicle accident, for such injury or damages occasioned by an owner or operator of a motor vehicle involved in such accident who fails to own or maintain compulsory motor vehicle liability security.

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C. If the owner of a motor vehicle, who fails to own or maintain compulsory motor vehicle liability security, institutes an action to recover damages in any amount, regardless of whether such owner or operator is at fault, and is awarded an

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amount equal to or less than ~~the minimum amount of compulsory motor vehicle liability security~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury, then such owner or operator shall be assessed and held liable for all court costs incurred by all parties to the action.

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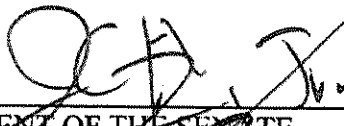
F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no insurer shall lose any rights of subrogation for claims paid under the applicable insurance policy for the recovery of any sum in excess of the first ~~fifteen~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury and the first ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars of property damages.

(2) In claims where no suit is filed, the claimant's insurer shall have all rights to recover any amount paid by the claimant's insurer on behalf of the insured for the recovery of any sum in excess of the first ~~fifteen~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury and the first ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars of property damages.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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SENATE BILL NO. 37

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1252(51), 1253(A), and 1261(A)(1)(t)(i) and (iii), relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for members of the motor vehicle commission; to provide for terms, conditions, and requirements; to provide relative to satellite warranty and repair centers; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 32:1252(51), 1253(A), and 1261(A)(1)(t)(i) and (iii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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§1252. Definitions

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The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(51) "Satellite warranty and repair center" means a motor vehicle repair facility, other than at a motor vehicle dealer franchised location, approved by a manufacturer or distributor and authorized to perform warranty and other repairs on motor vehicles, or a motor vehicle repair facility of a manufacturer or distributor who, as of January 1, 2024, was licensed by the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, either directly or through a subsidiary, to lease motor vehicles, if neither it, nor any common entity, has any franchised motor vehicle dealers within this state, or has ever had franchised motor vehicle dealers licensed in this state as set forth in R.S. 32:1261.

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§1253. Motor Vehicle Commission; appointment and qualifications of members; terms of office; organization; oath; official bond; compensation; powers and duties; dispute resolution panel

1 A. The Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission is hereby created within the
2 office of the governor and shall be composed of eighteen members appointed by the
3 governor, as follows:

4 (1) A chairman of the commission shall be appointed from the state at large.
5 Fourteen members shall be appointed in such manner that at least one shall be from
6 each of the commission districts as listed below:

7 (a) Commission District 1 shall consist of the following parishes: Orleans,
8 Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Washington.

9 (b) Commission District 2 shall consist of the following parishes: Jefferson,
10 St. Charles, St. John, St. James, and Tangipahoa.

11 (c) Commission District 3 shall consist of the following parishes: East Baton
12 Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, St.
13 Helena, Livingston, Assumption, and Pointe Coupee.

14 (d) Commission District 4 shall consist of the following parishes: Richland,
15 Franklin, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, Winn, Caldwell, Ouachita, Morehouse, West
16 Carroll, East Carroll, and Madison.

17 (e) Commission District 5 shall consist of the following parishes: Caddo,
18 Bossier, Webster, DeSoto, Red River, Bienville, Claiborne, and Sabine.

19 (f) Commission District 6 shall consist of the following parishes: Rapides,
20 Grant, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, Avoyelles, Vernon, Tensas, and Natchitoches.

21 (g) Commission District 7 shall consist of the following parishes:
22 Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, and Evangeline.

23 (h) Commission District 8 shall consist of the following parishes: Lafayette,
24 St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberia, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Vermilion.

25 ~~(2) Each of the commissioners appointed under the provisions of Paragraph~~
26 ~~(1) of this Subsection shall have been an actively engaged licensee of the~~
27 ~~commission or its previous Louisiana licensing commission for not less than five~~
28 ~~consecutive years prior to such appointment, and be a holder of such a license at all~~
29 ~~times while a member of the commission. Being engaged in more than one such~~
30 ~~pursuit shall not disqualify a person otherwise qualified from serving on the~~

1 ~~commission. Of these members, one member shall be primarily engaged in the~~
2 ~~business of lease or rental, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business~~
3 ~~of heavy truck sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of~~
4 ~~marine product sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of~~
5 ~~motorcycle sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of~~
6 ~~recreational vehicle sales, and one member shall be primarily engaged in the~~
7 ~~business of sales finance.~~

8 ~~(3)(a) Each of the three remaining appointive members shall be a public~~
9 ~~member who is not a licensee under this Chapter and shall be appointed from the~~
10 ~~state at large. These three commissioners shall have the sole function of hearing and~~
11 ~~deciding matters concerning brokers and disputes between manufacturers,~~
12 ~~distributors, converters, motor vehicle lessor franchisors, or representatives and~~
13 ~~motor vehicle dealers, recreational products dealers, specialty vehicle dealers, motor~~
14 ~~vehicle lessors, and hearings pursuant to R.S. 32:1270.31 et seq.~~

15 ~~(b) This function shall be performed only when so requested in writing at the~~
16 ~~time of the filing of the initial protest or initial answer to the protest. If no party~~
17 ~~requests a hearing before these commissioners, the commissioners appointed~~
18 ~~pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall retain jurisdiction over the dispute.~~
19 ~~Should a consumer, broker, manufacturer, distributor, converter, motor vehicle lessor~~
20 ~~franchisor, representative, motor vehicle lessor, specialty vehicle dealer, recreational~~
21 ~~product dealer, or motor vehicle dealer make the request as set forth above, the~~
22 ~~commissioners appointed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not~~
23 ~~participate, deliberate, or in any way take part in the hearing.~~

24 ~~(c) The three commissioners shall elect among themselves a chairman to~~
25 ~~serve as presiding officer of the hearing.~~

26 ~~(4) Each appointment to the commission by the governor shall be submitted~~
27 ~~to the Senate for confirmation. Each commissioner shall at the time of appointment~~
28 ~~be a resident of this state and shall be of good moral character.~~

29 ~~**(2)(a) Of the eighteen members appointed pursuant to this Subsection,**~~
30 ~~**fifteen members shall meet all of the following qualifications:**~~

1 (i) Has held an active license issued by the commission for at least five
2 consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment.

3 (ii) Maintains an active license throughout his term of service on the
4 commission.

5 (iii) Is a resident of this state and is of good moral character at the time
6 of appointment.

7 (b) Among the fifteen members, there shall be representation from the
8 following:

9 (i) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in vehicle leasing or
10 rental.

11 (ii) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in heavy truck sales.

12 (iii) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in marine product
13 sales.

14 (iv) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in motorcycle sales.

15 (v) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in recreational
16 vehicle sales.

17 (vi) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in sales financing.

18 (3)(a) The remaining three members shall be members of the public,
19 each of whom shall meet all of the following qualifications:

20 (i) Is either a retired judge or a licensed attorney in the state of Louisiana
21 with not less than ten years of legal experience.

22 (ii) Is not, and has never been, licensed by the commission as provided
23 in this Chapter.

24 (b) The three members of the public shall form the dispute resolution
25 panel provided for in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

26 (4)(a) All persons or parties involved in a dispute shall have the right to
27 have the dispute, protest, complaint, or other contested matter heard and
28 adjudicated by the dispute resolution panel. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be
29 construed to prohibit the commission from offering informal dispute resolution
30 procedures prior to the commencement of a formal adjudicatory hearing.

1 However, no party shall be required to participate in any informal dispute
2 resolution process in lieu of exercising their right to a formal hearing before the
3 dispute resolution panel.

4 (b) The dispute resolution panel shall exclusively exercise the
5 adjudicatory authority of the commission, including the power to issue
6 subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, receive
7 evidence in connection with any hearing or other proceeding within its
8 jurisdiction, and render final decisions. This authority includes the power to
9 order remedies and impose fines as authorized by this Chapter and Chapter 6-A
10 of this Title and Chapter 10-B of Title 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
11 1950.

12 (c) The jurisdiction of the dispute resolution panel shall include all
13 disputes, protests, complaints, or other contested matters involving licensees of
14 the commission and also matters involving any person or entity operating
15 without a required license, including those subject to licensure pursuant to this
16 Chapter and Chapter 6-A of this Title, and Chapter 10-B of Title 6 of the
17 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

18 (d) The dispute resolution panel shall elect a chair to serve as the
19 presiding officer for each proceeding.

20 (e) The members of the dispute resolution panel shall not participate in
21 or vote on any of the other business of the commission.

22 (f) The commission staff shall exercise the investigatory authority of the
23 commission as delegated and subject to oversight by the commission. In the
24 exercise of its investigatory authority, the executive director of the commission
25 may issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths,
26 receive evidence, and carry out any other investigatory functions as authorized
27 by law.

28 (g) The attorney general shall supervise the legal services provided to the
29 commission, including the appointment of separate legal counsel for the dispute
30 resolution panel, who may be an attorney from the office of the attorney general

1 or a private attorney retained through the attorney general.

2 (h) Final decisions of the dispute resolution panel shall be in writing,
3 state specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and be based solely on the
4 record and any matters officially noticed. The decision shall constitute the final
5 action of the commission.

6 (i)(i) Any party aggrieved by a final decision shall have the right to seek
7 judicial review pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et
8 seq., by filing a petition in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court within
9 thirty days of the date the decision is transmitted to the parties by certified mail
10 or served as otherwise provided by law.

11 (ii) For purposes of this Section, "aggrieved party" means any person
12 whose legal rights, duties, or privileges were adversely affected by the final
13 decision.

14 (j) Each member of the dispute resolution panel shall be entitled to
15 reasonable compensation for his service in connection with any hearing
16 conducted pursuant to this Paragraph in lieu of the per diem paid to members
17 of the commission. The amount and manner of compensation shall be
18 established by the commission and paid from the commission's administrative
19 funds but shall not be less than the daily amount of compensation paid to
20 retired judges or lawyers sitting pro tempore or ad hoc by appointment of the
21 Louisiana Supreme Court, together with any expenses in an amount fixed by the
22 commission and authorized by law.

23 (5) Engagement in more than one category of business regulated under
24 this Chapter shall not disqualify an otherwise qualified licensee from
25 appointment to the commission.

26 (6) Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate
27 for confirmation.

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29 §1261. Unauthorized acts

30 A. It shall be a violation of this Chapter:

1 (1) For a manufacturer, a distributor, a wholesaler, distributor branch, factory
 2 branch, converter or officer, agent, or other representative thereof:

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4 (t)(i) To operate a satellite warranty and repair center, to authorize a person
 5 to perform warranty repairs, including emergency repairs, who is not a motor vehicle
 6 dealer, fleet owner, or an emergency services company or emergency services related
 7 company, or to authorize a motor vehicle dealer to operate a satellite warranty and
 8 repair center within the community or territory of a same-line or make motor vehicle
 9 dealer. This Subparagraph shall not apply to recreational product manufacturers. For
 10 the purposes of this Subparagraph, "fleet owner" means a person, including a
 11 governmental entity, who is approved and authorized by a manufacturer to perform
 12 warranty repairs and owns or leases vehicles for its own use or a renting or leasing
 13 company that rents, maintains, or leases vehicles to a third party. For the purposes
 14 of this Subparagraph, "emergency services company or emergency services related
 15 company" means a person who operates any vehicle designated and authorized to
 16 respond to an emergency. An emergency vehicle includes but is not limited to police
 17 and security vehicles, fire and rescue vehicles, medical vehicles, and civil emergency
 18 vehicles, including public utility crews dealing with gas, electricity, or water, or the
 19 repair of defective equipment on a scene. **However, notwithstanding the provisions**
 20 **of this Subparagraph, a manufacturer or distributor who, as of January 1, 2024,**
 21 **was licensed by the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, either directly or**
 22 **through a subsidiary, to lease motor vehicles, may operate one or more licensed**
 23 **satellite warranty and repair centers in the state, if neither it, nor any common**
 24 **entity, has any franchised motor vehicle dealers within this state, or has ever**
 25 **had franchised motor vehicle dealers licensed in this state. This exception does**
 26 **not apply if the manufacturer or distributor acquires a controlling interest in**
 27 **a franchisor or a subsidiary or other entity controlled by the franchisor, or sold**
 28 **or transferred a controlling interest in the manufacturer or distributor to a**
 29 **franchisor or subsidiary or other entity controlled by the franchisor. "Common**
 30 **entity" means a person who is either directly or indirectly controlled by or has**

1 more than thirty percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly owned,
 2 beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership structure, by a
 3 manufacturer, a distributor, or a licensee, or an affiliate thereof or a person
 4 who has more than thirty percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly
 5 controlled or owned beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership
 6 or structure, by one or more persons who also directly or indirectly control or
 7 own, beneficially or of record, more than thirty percent of the equity interests
 8 of a manufacturer, a distributor, or any affiliate thereof.

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10 (iii) A manufacturer who has or has ever had franchised motor vehicle
 11 dealers in the state and authorizes a fleet owner to perform warranty repairs shall
 12 give notification of the authorization to the dealer located in the same area of
 13 responsibility where the fleet owner intends to perform the authorized warranty
 14 repairs.

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 20 effective on the day following such approval.



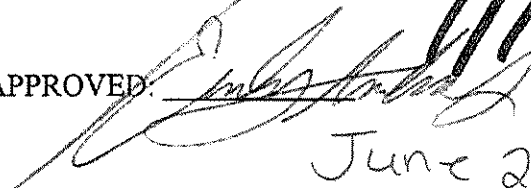
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SENATE BILL NO. 30

BY SENATOR MCMATH

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:1270.30.1, relative to recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for the establishment of new dealerships and the relocation of existing recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for protests to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for exemptions for certain existing dealerships; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1270.30.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1270.30.1. Establishment of new recreational vehicle dealerships or relocations; protests; procedure

A.(1) Whenever the commission receives an application for a recreational vehicle dealer's license which would add a new recreational vehicle dealership or authorize an existing recreational vehicle dealership to deal in a new or additional make of a recreational vehicle, which would establish an additional franchise in that area, or which would authorize an existing recreational vehicle dealership to deal in additional makes, models, or classifications of recreational vehicles designated in the franchise or any addendum thereto, it shall first notify the existing licensed recreational vehicle dealership or dealerships selling the same line makes, models, or classifications within the community or territory in which the applicant proposes to conduct business. Any same line makes, models, or classifications dealership whose assigned community or territory includes the location of the proposed new recreational vehicle dealership may object to the granting of the license.

(2) The reopening or replacement of a dealership in a location where the

1 same line makes, models, or classifications has been sold by a licensed
2 recreational vehicle dealer within the previous two years shall not be considered
3 an additional recreational vehicle dealer under Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

4 B.(1) Whenever the commission receives an application for a recreational
5 vehicle dealer's license which would relocate an existing recreational vehicle
6 dealership, including the transfer of a franchise and relocation to an existing
7 recreational vehicle dealership, it shall first notify the existing licensed
8 recreational vehicle dealership or dealerships selling the same line makes,
9 models, or classifications within the community or territory in which the
10 applicant proposes to conduct business. The existing same line makes, models,
11 or classifications dealership or dealerships shall have the right to object to the
12 granting of the license only if the proposed relocation is within a certain radius
13 of its facility. The radius shall be two hundred miles for a dealership selling
14 motor homes and one hundred miles for a dealership selling towable
15 recreational vehicles. However, without regard to distance, whenever the
16 commission receives an application for the relocation of a recreational vehicle
17 dealership which would add an additional franchise to an existing same line
18 makes, models, or classifications in a dealership's community or territory, the
19 affected dealership shall have the right to object.

20 (2) Whenever the commission receives a protest pursuant to the
21 provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the applicant and the
22 manufacturer or distributor shall show, by a preponderance of the evidence,
23 that the existing same line makes, models, or classifications recreational vehicle
24 dealership or dealerships will not be substantially harmed by locating the
25 dealership within the area. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 32:1251 to
26 the contrary, the commission shall consider the financial impact on both the
27 applicant and the existing dealership or dealerships.

28 C. The objection shall be in writing and shall be received by the
29 commission within a thirty-day period after receipt of the notice. The thirty-day
30 objection period shall be waived upon written notification to the commission

1 from all licensees, who are entitled to object, that the licensees have no
2 objections to the proposed change or addition for which the notice of intent was
3 issued. If timely objection is lodged, and prior to the issuance of the license, the
4 commission shall hold a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the objection,
5 or forty-five days after the request is made for the three-member panel, and
6 issue its decision within ninety days after date of the hearing. Notice of hearing,
7 and an opportunity to participate therein, shall be given to the manufacturer
8 or distributor, to the applicant for the license as a recreational vehicle dealer,
9 and to the protesting dealership or dealerships. The absence of a timely protest
10 shall not prevent the commission from considering the effect of the issuance of
11 a license on other recreational vehicle dealerships, located either within or
12 outside the community or territory as part of its determination of whether or
13 not the license sought should be issued.

14 D.(1) Whenever the commission receives a protest pursuant to the
15 provisions of this Section, the commission shall consider the following in
16 determining whether there is good cause to issue a license:

17 (a) Whether the community or territory can support an additional
18 dealership.

19 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 32:1251 to the contrary, the
20 financial impact on both the applicant and the existing dealership or
21 dealerships.

22 (c) Whether the existing recreational vehicle dealerships of the same line
23 makes, models, or classifications in the dealership's community or territory are
24 providing adequate representation and convenient consumer care for the
25 recreational vehicles of the same line makes, models, or classifications located
26 within that area.

27 (d) Whether the issuance of the license would increase competition or be
28 in the public interest, or both.

29 (2) The applicant and manufacturer or distributor shall have the burden
30 of proof in demonstrating good cause by a preponderance of the evidence.

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E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any dealership which has a validly binding dealer agreement with a manufacturer or distributor as of August 1, 2025, including any future, uninterrupted renewals thereof, that authorizes the sale of the same line makes, models, or classifications of recreational vehicles within a specified territory that would otherwise violate these provisions.

F. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to recreational vehicles as defined in R.S. 32:1252 and shall not apply to any other recreational products.



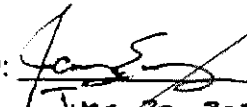
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