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LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 32

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32:8(B)	Amend	952	1	
32:8(E)	Enact	966	1	06/25/2026
32:8(F)	Enact	966	1	06/25/2026
32:47(A)(4)	Amend	492	1	
32:47(A)(5)	Repeal	492	2	
32:53(A)(3)	Amend	322	1	01/01/2027
32:59(A)(5)	Amend	677	1	
32:59(A)(6)	Enact	677	1	
32:125	Amend	234	1	
32:210(Intro.Par.)	Enact	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210(3)	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210(4)	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210(5)	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210.1(C)	Enact	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210.3	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210.4(2)	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:210.6(A)(1)	Amend	437	1	05/29/2026
32:232(Intro.Par.)	Amend	808	1	
32:232(3)(a)	Amend	951	1	
32:232(3)(b)	Amend	951	1	
32:232(3)(e)	Amend	951	1	
32:232(3)(f)	Amend	951	1	
32:232(3)(g)	Amend	951	1	
R 32:232(3)(h) (i)	Enact	808	1	
32:232(3)(h)	Enact	951	1	
32:295.1(A)(1)	Amend	236	1	

32:296(A)(Intro.Par.) ----------Amend---------- 464 ---------- 1

32:297.1(A)(1)----------Amend---------- 554 ---------- 1

32:297.1(A)(5)----------Enact---------- 554 ---------- 1

32:297.1(B)----------Amend---------- 554 ---------- 1

32:297.1(C)----------Amend---------- 554 ---------- 1

32:341(C)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:341(D)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:341(G)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:357----------Amend---------- 701 ---------- 2 ---------- See Act

32:384(A)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:384(D)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:384(E)(3) ----------Enact---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:384(F) ----------Enact---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:385(A)(1)(a)----------Amend---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:385(A)(4) ----------Enact---------- 778 ---------- 1

32:387(A)----------Amend---------- 566 ---------- 1 ---------- 05/29/2026

32:387.2(D) ----------Amend---------- 670 ---------- 1

32:398.10(A)(2) ----------Amend---------- 814 ---------- 14

32:400.2(B)----------Amend---------- 464 ---------- 1

32:400.3(C)----------Amend---------- 464 ---------- 1

32:400.7(B)----------Amend---------- 464 ---------- 1

32:403.3(B)(2)(c)----------Enact---------- 816 ---------- 1

32:404(F)(1)----------Amend---------- 235 ---------- 1

32:404(G)----------Enact---------- 235 ---------- 1

32:405.1----------Amend---------- 868 ---------- 1

32:408(B)(2)(a)(ii) ----------Amend---------- 868 ---------- 1

32:408(B)(2)(b)----------Amend---------- 868 ---------- 1

32:408(B)(7) ----------Repeal---------- 868 ---------- 2

32:410(A)(3)(a)(x) ----------Enact---------- 170 ---------- 1

32:410(B)----------Amend---------- 373 ---------- 1 ---------- 06/01/2027

32:412(Heading)----------Amend---------- 721 ---------- 1

32:412(I)(1) ----------Amend---------- 838 ---------- 2 ---------- 01/01/2027

32:412(I)(2) ----------Amend---------- 838 ---------- 2 ---------- 01/01/2027

32:412(I)(4) ----------Amend---------- 838 ---------- 2 ---------- 01/01/2027

32:412(I)(5) ----------Amend---------- 838 ---------- 2 ---------- 01/01/2027

32:412(I)(6) ----------Enact---------- 838 ---------- 2 ---------- 01/01/2027

32:412(R)----------Amend---------- 721 ---------- 1

32:412(S) ----------Enact---------- 721 ---------- 1

32:414(A)(1)(a)----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:414(B)(2)(a)----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:414(D)(1)(a)----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:414(F)(2)----------Amend---------- 666 ---------- 1

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32:414(I)(1) ----------Amend---------- 179 ---------- 1

32:414(I)(1) ----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:414(V)----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:415(B)(1) ----------Amend---------- 666 ---------- 1

32:429(A)----------Amend---------- 948 ---------- 1

32:429.3----------Amend---------- 814 ---------- 14

32:429.4(E)----------Amend---------- 710 ---------- 1

32:429.4(F)(1) ----------Amend---------- 710 ---------- 1

32:661(A)(3) ----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:662.1----------Amend---------- 812 ---------- 2

R 32:702(~~18~~ (6))----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- 05/29/2026

32:705(B)(6) ----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- See Act

32:705(B)(7) ----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- See Act

32:707.2(A) ----------Amend---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- See Act

32:707.2(C)(1)----------Amend---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- See Act

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32:707.2(C)(2) ---------- NOTE ----------Amend---------- 454 ---------- 1

32:707.2(C)(2) ---------- PRINT ----------Amend---------- 850 ---------- 1

32:707.2(D) ----------Amend---------- 454 ---------- 1 ---------- See Act

32:707.2(G) ----------Repeal---------- 454 ---------- 2 ---------- 05/29/2026

32:707.2(I)----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1-------See Act

32:707.2(J) ----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1-------See Act

32:707.2.1 ----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1-------See Act

32:707.2.2 ----------Enact---------- 454 ---------- 1-------See Act

32:707.5(D)(3)----------Repeal---------- 701 ---------- 3-------See Act

32:863.1(C)(1)(a)----------Amend---------- 861 ---------- 1-------06/09/2026

32:863.1(I)(1) ----------Amend---------- 861 ---------- 1-------06/09/2026

32:863.1.2(B) ----------Amend---------- 710 ---------- 1

32:863.2(A)(1)----------Amend---------- 522 ---------- 1

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32:863.2(A)(3)----------Amend---------- 522 ---------- 1

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32:863.2(F)(5) ----------Amend---------- 522 ---------- 1

32:863.2(F)(6) ----------Amend---------- 522 ---------- 1

32:863.2(F)(7) ----------Enact---------- 522 ---------- 1

32:865(B)(2) ----------Amend---------- 684 ---------- 5

32:896(A)----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1

32:1252(1)----------Amend---------- 967 ---------- 1

32:1252(9)----------Amend---------- 967 ---------- 1

32:1253.1 ----------Enact---------- 458 ---------- 1-------05/29/2026

32:1254(E)(5)(a)----------Amend---------- 967 ---------- 1

32:1254(E)(5)(c)----------Enact---------- 967 ---------- 1

32:1270.11(2)(k) ----------Enact---------- 967 ---------- 1

32:1301 ----------Amend---------- 701 ----------2-------See Act
32:1302 ----------Amend---------- 701 ----------2-------See Act
32:1303 ----------Repeal---------- 701 ----------3-------See Act
32:1304 ----------Amend---------- 701 ----------2-------See Act
32:1304.1 ----------Enact---------- 701 ----------2-------See Act
32:1306(C) ----------Amend---------- 701 ----------2-------See Act
32:1420 ----------Amend---------- 690 ---------- 1
32:1715(A) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(C)(1) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(C)(2) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(C)(4)(Intro.Par.) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(C)(4)(b) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(D) ----------Enact---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1715(E) ----------Enact---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1734(F) ----------Amend---------- 768 ---------- 1
32:1734(G) ----------Enact---------- 768 ---------- 1
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32:1734(I) ----------Enact---------- 768 ---------- 1
32:1736(A) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1736(C) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1736(D) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1736(E) ----------Amend---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1736(F) ----------Enact---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1736(G) ----------Enact---------- 440 ---------- 1
32:1741(K) ----------Amend---------- 808 ---------- 1

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ACT 952

ENROLLED

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 762

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND CHASSION

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:8(B) and R.S. 47:1676(C)(2)(a)(i), relative to debt referral by the office of motor vehicles; to prohibit the office of motor vehicles from referring debts arising from unpaid reinstatement fees to the office of debt recovery; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:8(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles

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B. The office of motor vehicles may refer a final delinquent debt for which a debtor has not entered into an installment agreement for payment to the office of debt recovery as provided in R.S. 47:1676, except for debts incurred pursuant to R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a). Final delinquent debt referrals shall include data and information in the required format necessary to institute collection procedures. All delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the office of motor vehicles prior to being referred to the office of debt recovery. Once the delinquent debt becomes final and prior to referral to the office of debt recovery, the office of motor vehicles shall notify the debtor in writing that failure to pay the debt in full within sixty days shall subject the debt to the amount owed, as specified in R.S. 32:57.1(B), 863(A)(3)(a), and 863.1,

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together with the additional fee collected by the office of debt recovery provided for in R.S. 47:1676. Such notice shall also inform the debtor that the debtor may qualify to pay sums due by installment agreement, if eligible, and shall include instructions on how to inquire with the office of motor vehicles to determine eligibility and terms.

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Section 2. R.S. 47:1676(C)(2)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1676. Debt Recovery

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(2)(a)(i) Agencies that do not have collection contracts with the attorney general's office for the collection of delinquent debts shall refer all delinquent debts to the office as provided by rule. However, notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, debts incurred pursuant to R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a) may be referred to the office at the discretion of the office of motor vehicles. Such referrals shall include data and information in the required format necessary as provided for in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph to institute collection procedures. All delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the agency or officer prior to being referred to the office. Once the debt becomes final, and prior to referral to the office, the agency shall notify the debtor that failure to pay the debt in full within sixty days shall subject the debt to an additional collection fee as provided for in this Section. All agencies shall refer nonfinal delinquent debts to the attorney general's office for collection when the debt has been delinquent for sixty days pursuant to the referral guidelines established by the attorney general as incorporated into agreements between the attorney general and other agencies or pursuant to the rules promulgated by the attorney general pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. Such nonfinal

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delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the agency prior to their referral to the attorney general.

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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 966

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HOUSE BILL NO. 732

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:8(E) and (F), relative to delinquent debt owed to the office of motor vehicles; to require the commissioner to temporarily waive or suspend fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for emergency reasons; to provide for the verification of a life-threatening condition; to provide for the suspension of certain fees; to provide for the authority of the commissioner; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:8(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles; temporary waivers and holds

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E.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner, or his designee, shall have emergency authority to temporarily suspend or place on hold, for a period not to exceed thirty days, any fine, fee, penalty, or license suspension appearing on a person's driving record when the commissioner determines that such action is necessary to allow the person immediate access to life-sustaining medicine or medical treatment.

(2) The person or their representative shall provide documentation from a licensed physician, hospital, hospice, or other home health provider verifying the life-threatening nature of the condition.

(3) For the purposes of this Subsection, "commissioner" means the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

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F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in R.S. 32:461(A)(2) is hereby suspended for non-plugin hybrids until August 1, 2027. Failure by any person to pay such fee shall not be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to this Section or any other applicable collection authority.

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

EFF. DATE 6/25/2026

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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SENATE BILL NO. 330

BY SENATOR OWEN

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:47(A)(4) and to repeal 32:47(A)(5), relative to speed enforcement measures; to provide for pavement markings in school zones; to provide for school legends; to provide for compliance language with federal requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:47(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§47. Use of speed recording devices; restrictions

A. Automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras that are used to issue a citation of an alleged violation by mail shall only be used by local municipal authorities or local parish authorities in the following instances:

* * *

(4)**(a)** ~~Upon the entrance to each school zone, there shall be painted a two-foot-wide yellow stripe completely across the roadway with "Entering School Zone" painted in twelve-inch white lettering visible therein.~~ **Upon entrance to any school zone equipped with automated speed enforcement devices, the word "SCHOOL" shall be proportionately striped across the lane adjacent to the S1-1 school sign and the lettering shall be white in color in accordance with the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The word "SCHOOL" shall not be required on nonasphaltic, nonconcrete roads, or any roads determined unsuitable by the appropriate state agency.**

(b) Pavement markings installed before August 1, 2026, on a roadway not in the state highway system and in compliance with R.S. 32:47(A)(4) and (5) as in effect before August 1, 2026, shall satisfy the pavement-marking requirements of Subparagraph (4)(a) of this ~~Subsection~~ Paragraph until the roadway is

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resurfaced or the markings are otherwise replaced.

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Section 2. R.S. 32:47(A)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 322

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HOUSE BILL NO. 846

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND MANDIE LANDRY

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A)(3), relative to the display of motor vehicle license plates; to prohibit the application of coverings, films, substances, or devices over or on a license plate that impedes the visibility of the license plate; to define the term "obscure"; to establish penalties for violations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:53(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§53. Proper equipment required on vehicles; display of plate

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(3)(a) Every permanent registration license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible. Unless authorized by the commissioner, a person shall not apply a any covering, film, electrochromatic film, coating, spray, frame, bracket, ~~or any~~ substance ~~to~~, electronic or nonelectronic device, or any material over or on the license plate ~~or use an electronic device or electrochromatic film~~ that obscures from

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any angle the numbers, characters, year registration sticker, or name of the jurisdiction issuing the plate.

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "obscure" shall refer to any action or method that diminishes the visibility, legibility, or reflectivity of any numbers, characters, decals, stickers, symbols, or jurisdictional identifiers on a license plate.

(c) Notwithstanding the penalty provisions contained in R.S. 32:57, any person who violates the provisions provided for in this Paragraph shall incur a fine not to exceed seventy-five dollars for the first offense and a fine of two hundred fifty dollars for a second and any subsequent offense.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 677

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HOUSE BILL NO. 844

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:59(A)(5) and to enact R.S. 32:59(A)(6), relative to the use of the wireless telecommunications devices while operating a motor vehicle; to provide for definitions; to establish the boundary and when a school zone is in effect; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:59(A)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:59(A)(6) 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:

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(5) "School zone" means any designated area adjacent to a public or private kindergarten through twelfth grade school or postsecondary institution that is properly marked with official school warning or similar traffic control signage, including those provided in Chapter 7 of the Department of Transportation and Development Traffic Engineering Manual relating to schools, and that extends not less than two hundred fifty feet prior to the beginning of the school zone. A school zone shall be in effect sixty minutes before school begins, sixty minutes after school begins, sixty minutes before school ends, and sixty minutes after school ends.

~~(5)~~ (6) "Wireless telecommunications device" means a cellular telephone, a text-messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a stand-alone computer or other electronic device, or any other substantially similar portable wireless device that is readily removable from the vehicle and is used to write, send, or read text or data through manual input. The term "wireless telecommunications device" shall not

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mean any device or component that is permanently affixed to a motor vehicle, or a device used hands-free, citizens band radios, citizens band radio hybrids, commercial two-way radio communications devices, two-way radio transmitters or receivers used by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, or electronic communication devices with a push-to-talk function.

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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 234

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SENATE BILL NO. 40

BY SENATOR WHEAT

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:125, relative to the procedure for approaching vehicles adjacent to the highway; to provide for procedure for approaching authorized emergency vehicles parked adjacent to the highway; to provide for procedures approaching any vehicle in an emergency; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:125 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§125. Procedure on approach of an authorized emergency vehicle; passing a parked **or disabled** emergency **or nonemergency** vehicle

A.**(1)** Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle**, as defined by R.S. 32:1,** making use of audible or visual signals**, authorized by law, including the display of alternately flashing green, amber, blue, red, or yellow warning lights,** or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the highway clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(2) This Section shall not be construed to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

B. When any vehicle ~~making use of any visual signals as authorized by law, including the display of alternately flashing green, amber, or yellow warning lights,~~ **as defined by R.S. 32:1,** is parked on or near the highway**, disabled, immobilized, nonoperational and is making use of any visual signals including the display of flashing lights, hazard lamps, or any emergency warning devices,** the driver of every ~~other~~ **passing or approaching** vehicle shall:

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~~(1) When driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction,~~ yield the right-of-way **when driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction,** by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the parked vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions. If a lane change is not possible**, unsafe, or driving on a two-lane road or highway**, the driver shall slow to a reasonably safe speed **and maintain a safe speed for road conditions**.

~~(2) Maintain a safe speed for road conditions, if unable or unsafe to change lanes, or driving on a two-lane road or highway.~~

C. ~~This Section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.~~

~~D.~~ Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: Emily Andrews
May 15, 2026

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HOUSE BILL NO. 606

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C), relative to personal delivery devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for responsibilities and rights of a personal delivery device; to provide for operation in pedestrian and nonpedestrian areas; to remove the requirement for the display of lights at night; to remove provision for crossing certain roadways; to provide for regulation by local governments; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§210. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this Subpart:

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(3) "Nonpedestrian area" shall consist of any bicycle lane, shoulder, or side of a divided highway, highway, roadway, or street where the posted speed limit is ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five miles per hour or less.

(4) "Pedestrian area" means a sidewalk, crosswalk, school crosswalk, school crossing zone, ~~or~~ safety zone, parking lot, or any similar area.

(5) "Personal delivery device" means a powered device that travels at the speed of twenty miles per hour or less, is less than five hundred pounds, excluding

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cargo, is manufactured for transporting cargo and goods in a pedestrian area, nonpedestrian area, or supplementary areas, and is equipped with automated driving technology, including software and hardware, that enables the operation of the device with the remote support and supervision of a human being.

§210.1. Applicable law

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C. A personal delivery device shall have the same legal rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian or bicyclist in the same circumstances, except for those duties that, by their nature cannot apply to a personal delivery device, or those that would unreasonably burden the operation of the personal delivery device.

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§210.3. Device operation

~~A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart shall:~~ A business entity may operate a personal delivery device in any pedestrian or nonpedestrian area of the state, provided the device:

~~(1) Operate in a manner that complies with any provision under this Chapter that is applicable to pedestrians, unless the provision cannot apply to the device.~~

~~(2)~~ (1) ~~Yield~~ Yields to or does not obstruct the right-of-way to all other lawful traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

~~(3)~~ (2) ~~Not~~ Does not unreasonably interfere with other traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

~~(4) Display the lights required by R.S. 32:301 et seq., if the personal delivery device is operated at night.~~

~~(5)~~ (3) ~~Comply~~ Complies with any applicable regulations adopted by local authority, provided those regulations are not inconsistent with this Subpart.

~~(6)~~ (4) ~~Not~~ Does not transport hazardous materials regulated under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103 and required to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.

~~(7)~~ (5) ~~Be~~ Is monitored or controlled by an agent of the business entity meeting the requirements of R.S. 32:210.2(A).

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§210.4. Areas of Operation

A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart may be operated either:

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(2) At a speed not to exceed twenty miles per hour in a nonpedestrian area~~; provided that the personal delivery device shall not cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection.~~

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§210.6. Local authority regulation

A.(1) Personal delivery devices may be ~~prohibited~~ regulated by local resolutions or ordinances if the local government determines that the ~~prohibition~~ regulation is in the interest of public safety and is not inconsistent with this Subpart.

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

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ACT 808

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Edits To: RS 32 Pgs. 1
Note:

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND DANA HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(introductory paragraph) and 1741(K) and to enact R.S. 32:232(3)(h), relative to traffic control signals; to provide relative to traffic violations; to provide relative to penalties for violations when no injury occurs; to provide for immobilization of vehicles for traffic violations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:232(introductory paragraph) and 1741(K) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:232(3)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§232. Traffic-control signals

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend~~, and said~~. The lights ~~shall~~ indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

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(3) Steady RED indication:

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(i)
~~(h)~~ If the violation involves entering a shoulder or turn lane to overtake a vehicle that is stopped or slowing to a stop at a red indication, but does not result in an injury, the offender shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars.

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§1741. Immobilization of motor vehicles by booting; private property; legislative findings

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K.(1) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit any parish or municipality from enacting ordinances that impose more restrictive requirements or regulations than those provided in this Chapter.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no person shall immobilize or boot a motor vehicle for failure to pay a citation issued through an automated traffic enforcement system for a red-light traffic violation unless the vehicle owner has first been afforded an administrative hearing relative to the traffic citation. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to Orleans Parish.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 723

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(3)(a), (b), (e), (f), and (g) and to enact R.S. 32:232(3)(h), relative to driver compliance with traffic-control signals; to authorize the driver of a two or three-wheeled motorcycle, moped, or bicycle or electric bicycle to proceed through an intersection controlled by a vehicle-actuated traffic-control signal under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:232(3)(a), (b), (e), (f), and (g) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:232(3)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§232. Traffic-control signals

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

[SEE ACT 808]

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(3) Steady RED indication:

(a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or if none, then before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown except as provided in ~~Subparagraph~~ Subparagraphs (c) and (e) of this Paragraph.

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(b) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or if none, then before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until an indication permitting the movement indicated by such red arrow is shown except as provided in ~~Subparagraph~~ Subparagraphs (c) and (e) of this Paragraph.

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(e)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including this Paragraph, if the driver of a two or three-wheeled motorcycle, moped, or bicycle or any electric bicycle approaches an intersection influenced by a vehicle-actuated control, the driver may proceed through the intersection on a steady red light only if the driver does all of the following:

(aa) Comes to, and maintains, a full and complete stop at the intersection for two complete cycles of the traffic-control signal or for two minutes, whichever occurs first.

(bb) Treats the traffic control device as a stop sign.

(cc) Determines it is safe to proceed.

(dd) Yields the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk.

(ee) Yields the right-of-way to the driver of any vehicle approaching an intersection from either direction.

(ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply:

(aa) "Cycle" means the total time to complete one sequence of signalization for all movements at an intersection. In a vehicle-actuated controller system, the cycle is a complete sequence of all signal indications.

(bb) "Vehicle-actuated control" means a system that manages the signal through automatically moving vehicles. The actuated signal timing is influenced by traffic demand, and it is detected through sensors at all the approaches. Two

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complete cycles of a traffic-control signal constitutes being vehicle-actuated influenced.

~~(e)~~ (f) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Section to the contrary, for red indications or signal infractions, if the violation results in the injury of another person, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of ninety days, or both.

~~(f)~~ (g) If the violation results in the serious bodily injury of another person, the offender shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. The offender may also be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of one hundred eighty days.

~~(g)~~ (h) If the violation results in the death of another person, the offender shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. The offender may also be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of up to three hundred sixty-five days.

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SENATE BILL NO. 55

BY SENATOR STINE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1), relative to seatbelts; to provide for the proper way to wear a seatbelt; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§295.1. Safety belt use; tags indicating exemption

A.(1) Each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less in this state shall have a safety belt properly fastened ~~about his or her body~~ **and worn across both the lap and shoulder as designed, and not placed behind the body or under the arm** at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to those cars, vans, sports utility vehicles, or pickups manufactured prior to January 1, 1981.

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SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR CLOUD

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; to provide for vehicles on state highway shoulders; to provide for proper agency oversight; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§296. Stopping, parking, or standing upon the highway shoulder; driving upon the highway shoulder

A. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any ~~unattended~~ vehicle on any ~~state~~ highway shoulder, unless such stopping, parking, or standing is made necessary by an emergency, except:

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§400.2. Controlling authority; compliance

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B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the ~~Department of Transportation and Development shall be the~~ **state of Louisiana shall possess** sole and exclusive ~~agency with~~ jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems and **the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of the state police,** shall implement the provisions of this Part.

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§400.3. Operation; criteria

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C. Prior to commencing the operation of an autonomous commercial motor

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vehicle without a conventional driver present in the cab, a person or entity shall submit a written statement to the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police** certifying that the vehicle meets the requirements of this Section.

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§400.7. Teleoperations; operation; criteria

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B. Prior to commencing the operation of a commercial motor vehicle equipped with a teleoperation system without a conventional driver present in the cab, an owner, a remote driver, or the remote driver's employer shall submit a written statement to the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police** certifying that the vehicle meets the requirements of this Section.

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ACT 554

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HOUSE BILL NO. 503

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:297.1(A)(1), (B), and (C) and to enact R.S. 32:297.1(A)(5), relative to the use of utility terrain vehicles on roadways in Golden Meadow; to authorize the use of utility terrain vehicles on the shoulders of public roads and streets of Golden Meadow; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:297.1(A)(1), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:297.1(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§297.1. Alternative pathways for golf carts, utility terrain vehicles, and low-speed vehicles; Golden Meadow

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

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

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(5)(a) "Utility terrain vehicle" means any recreational motor vehicle designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, with a minimum width of

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fifty inches but not exceeding seventy-four inches and a minimum weight of at least seven hundred pounds but not exceeding three thousand five hundred pounds. "Utility terrain vehicle" shall include those vehicles not equipped with a certification label as required by 49 CFR ~~Part~~ 567.4. A "utility terrain vehicle" or "UTV" also means a recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV.

(b) "Utility terrain vehicle" does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, or vehicles otherwise registered under R.S. 32:299.

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

(2) Any person operating a golf cart, utility terrain vehicle, or low-speed vehicle on the shoulder of a public road or street in the town pursuant to this Section shall be properly licensed to operate a vehicle upon any highway within this state and shall have in his possession proof of insurance as required by Part I-A of Chapter 5 of this Title.

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

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(2) The governing authority may, by ordinance, establish a registration fee for golf carts, utility terrain vehicles, 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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HOUSE BILL NO. 868

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:341(C), (D), and (G), 384(A) and (D), and 385(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 32:384(E)(3) and (F) and 385(A)(4), relative to the regulation of motor vehicles; to establish comprehensive requirements for brake equipment; to mandate safety chain specifications for trailers and semitrailers; to eliminate specific exemptions pertaining to farm equipment; to provide for an exception applicable to the operation of certain vehicles on private property; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:341(C), (D), and (G), 384(A) and (D), and 385(A)(1)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:384(E)(3) and (F) and 385(A)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§341. Brake equipment required

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C. Every trailer or ~~semi-trailer of~~ semitrailer used in commerce or that was originally manufactured with brakes and has a gross weight of ~~3,000~~ three thousand pounds or more, when operated upon a highway of this state, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such vehicle and ~~so designed as to be applied~~ shall be designed so that the brakes may be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab, and ~~said~~ the brakes shall be so designed and connected that in case of an accidental breakaway of the towed vehicle the brakes shall be automatically applied. A semitrailer, pole trailer, full trailer, or four-wheel pole trailer with gross weight of three thousand pounds or less shall not be mandated to be equipped with braking systems, provided that the sum of the gross

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axle weight of the towed vehicle does not exceed forty percent of the sum of the gross axle weight of the towing vehicle.

D. Every motor vehicle, trailer or ~~semi-trailer~~ semitrailer manufactured or assembled after December 31, 1962, and thereafter sold in this state and operated upon the highways of this state shall be equipped with brakes upon all wheels of every such vehicle, if it was originally manufactured with brakes, except that no motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or ~~semi-trailer~~ semitrailer of less than ~~1,500~~ three thousand pounds gross weight, need be equipped with brakes.

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G. All sport, boat, or any other nonagricultural trailers and ~~semi-trailers of less than 3000 pounds gross weight~~ semitrailers not used in commerce between six thousand and seven thousand pounds need not be equipped with brakes.

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§384. Trailers and towed vehicles

A. The drawbar or connection between two vehicles or implements of husbandry, when one is towing the other, shall be of sufficient strength to pull all weight towed thereby and shall not exceed fifteen feet from one vehicle to the other, except that the drawbar or connection may exceed fifteen feet between any two vehicles transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature which cannot be readily dismembered. The drawbar or connection shall be securely affixed in strict compliance with the manufacturer's specifications. This includes the installation of all required pins, clips, or locking mechanisms, thereby ensuring the prevention of any unintentional uncoupling while in operation.

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D. Every trailer and semitrailer originally manufactured with safety chains or other safety devices ~~with a loaded gross weight capacity of up to six thousand pounds~~ shall be equipped with safety chains or other safety ~~device~~ devices approved in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. The safety chains or other approved safety ~~device~~ devices shall be securely attached to the towing vehicle when the trailer or semitrailer is in motion and shall be of sufficient strength to hold the trailer behind

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the towing vehicle in case the connection between the two vehicles detaches. The provisions contained in this Section shall not apply to fifth-wheel devices mounted on truck tractors or comparable towing vehicles, including convertor dollies, that interface and connect with the upper coupler assembly of a semitrailer.

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(3) Safety chains and other safety devices mandated by Subsection D of this Section shall conform to manufacturer specifications or applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. These devices shall be deemed sufficient to ensure the secure connection between the towing vehicle and the trailer or semitrailer in the event of a failure of the primary coupling device.

F. The provisions contained in Subsections D and E of this Section, regarding safety chains or approved safety devices, shall not apply to any trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle while being operated exclusively on private property, or solely for the crossing of a public roadway by a trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry between contiguous parcels of land owned or leased by the same person.

§385. Farm vehicles and equipment; exemptions

A.(1)(a) Farm and agricultural vehicles and equipment, except draglines and bulldozers, being operated or transported for bona fide agricultural purposes or the transportation of farm vehicles and equipment to be used for normal farm purposes by persons transporting such farm equipment or machinery, for distances not to exceed fifty miles from the point of origin, and fertilizer tending units shall be exempt from the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 382 and, additionally, farm equipment shall be exempt from the requirements of ~~R.S. 32:384~~ R.S. 32:384(B), (C), and (E)(1) and (2).

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(4) Trailers, semitrailers, and any implements of husbandry used in connection with farm and agricultural vehicles and equipment shall comply with the towing safety requirements of R.S. 32:384(A), (D), and (E)(3). The drawbar or other primary connection between a towing vehicle and a trailer or semitrailer shall be

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securely affixed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, including the installation of all required pins, clips, or locking mechanisms, to prevent unintentional uncoupling while in operation.

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ACT 566

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HOUSE BILL NO. 746

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(A), relative to statewide uniform permits for oversized vehicles; to remove the requirement that a vehicle obtain a special permit from an agency or department or political subdivision other than the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for a one year moratorium on the issuance of any local permits for oversized vehicles; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§387. Special permits

A.(1) No vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 shall use the public highways of this state without first obtaining a special permit from the department ~~in addition to any other special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the state or a political subdivision,~~ and the special permit ~~herein~~ provided for in this Section shall be issued at the discretion of the secretary. If a permit issued pursuant to Subsection B of this Section authorizes a vehicle to operate on interstate highways, the secretary may allow the vehicle to operate on interstate highways at night if requested by the owner or operator.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the parishes of Bossier and Caddo.

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Section 2. A moratorium is hereby established, for a period of one year from the effective date of this Act, on the enactment or adoption of any ordinance, rule, or regulation that creates or modifies permit requirements for oversized vehicles. During this moratorium, political subdivisions may continue to issue permits under existing requirements but shall not adopt or implement any new or revised permit requirements for oversized vehicles.

[Acts 2026, No. 566, eff. 5/29/2026]

[NOTE: RS 32:387(A)]

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1085 (Substitute for House Bill No. 838 by Representative Bagley)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) and R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C), to enact R.S. 32:1304.1, and to repeal R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303, relative to vehicle inspection sticker requirements; to repeal the inspection sticker requirement for assembled vehicles; to provide for periodic inspection of commercial and student transportation vehicles and associated fees; to provide for inspections required by federal law; to provide for windshield requirements; to provide for the promulgation of standards for the regulation of emission control devices; to provide for the approval of out of state inspections under certain circumstances; to provide for the Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program; to provide relative to the operation of official inspection stations; to restrict the issuance of citations for failure to produce a certificate of inspection for a specified period; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2054. Air quality control; secretary of environmental quality; powers and duties

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B. The secretary shall have the following powers and duties:

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(8) To establish and implement a program for the control and abatement of motor vehicle emissions in accordance with R.S. 30:2060 and other applicable state and federal laws, particularly the Clean Air Act as amended, but not to exceed the

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requirements provided in such act unless specifically authorized. Such program shall be applicable only in parishes and municipalities as necessary to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. If such program includes the periodic inspection of motor vehicles, the frequency of performing such inspections shall be as allowed by federal law or regulations or by agreements with federal agencies. During each calendar year, the secretary may exempt vehicles of that model year and vehicles from prior model years from on-board diagnostic (OBD II) testing. The fees due the department for this program pursuant to ~~R.S. 32:1306(C)(3)~~ R.S. 32:1306(C)(2) shall be deposited into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.

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Section 2. R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1304.1 is ~~hereby enacted~~ to read as follows:

§357. Windshields required

A. Every passenger vehicle, other than a motorcycle, and every motor truck or truck tractor, and every authorized emergency vehicle shall be equipped with an adequate windshield.

B. Every noncommercial vehicle registered in this state shall be required to maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield. The standards for windshields are as follows:

(1) In the eight and one-half inch by eleven inch "acute area" directly in the driver's line of vision there shall be no cracks and there shall be no more than two stars, nicks, chips, bullseyes, or half-moons in excess of one-half inch.

(2) In the "critical area" cleaned by the normal sweep of the windshield wiper blade on the driver's side of the windshield there shall be no star which is larger than two inches in diameter; there shall be no more than two stars larger than one and one-half inches in diameter; and there shall be no more than two cracks longer than eight inches; or any combination thereof.

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(3) In the remaining areas of the windshield, only those cracks which jeopardize the integrity of the windshield shall be cause for violation.

C. Every commercial motor vehicle shall have a windshield that meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 393.

D.(1) Every school bus registered in this state shall maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield.

(2) The windshield shall be free of discoloration or damage that would interfere with the driver's view, not including a two-inch border at the top and a one-inch border on each side of the windshield or each panel thereof.

(3) The windshield shall not contain a crack exceeding one-fourth inch in width, if not intersected by any other crack or have any damaged area which can be covered by a disc three-fourths of an inch in diameter, if not closer than three inches to any other damaged area.

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§1301. Vehicles without required equipment or in unsafe condition

No person shall drive or move on any highway any motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1~~(40)~~(50), trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof, unless the equipment upon any such vehicle is in good working order and adjustment as required in this Chapter and the vehicle is in such safe mechanical condition as not to endanger the driver or other occupant or any person upon the highway. Every ~~motor~~ vehicle, ~~low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer vehicle~~ registered in this state which is required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of Louisiana, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter.

§1302. ~~Inspection~~ Enforcement by officers of the department

A. The Director of Public Safety, members of the State Police and such other officers and employees of the department as the director may designate, may at any time upon reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, require the driver of such vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle to an inspection and such

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test with reference thereto as may be appropriate, and issue a citation to the operator of such vehicle.

B. In the event such vehicle is found to be in unsafe condition or any required part or equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment the officer shall give a written notice to the driver and shall send a copy to the department. Said notice shall require that such vehicle be placed in safe condition and its equipment in proper repair and adjustment specifying the particulars with reference thereto ~~and that a certificate of inspection and approval be obtained within 5 days~~.

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§1304. Secretary to require ~~periodical~~ periodic inspection; out of state inspections; commercial and student transportation vehicles

A.~~(1)~~ The secretary shall at least once a ~~every other~~ year, but not more frequently than twice each year, require that every ~~motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this state~~ commercial motor vehicle registered in this state and required to be inspected pursuant to 49 CFR Part 396, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof, every covered farm vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds, and every student transportation vehicle registered in this state and required to be inspected pursuant to LAC 28:CXIII.701(A)(3) and regulations promulgated by the secretary be inspected and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be obtained for such vehicle. ~~However, overweight and oversize mobile homes requiring a state permit shall not be required to bear a certificate of approved inspection when being moved by a bonded carrier as defined by law nor shall used motor vehicles in transit by a dealer be required to have a certificate of inspection and approval.~~

~~(2) Such inspection should be made and such certificates obtained with respect to the mechanism, brakes, and equipment of every vehicle as shall be designated by the secretary. The secretary shall require the inspection of all approved automotive emission control devices installed on motor vehicles produced~~

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~~after model year 1980 to insure that such devices are operative and have not been tampered with. However, low-speed vehicles shall not be subject to regular emissions inspections~~

~~(3)(a) The secretary shall formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other motor vehicles which standards shall be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and operation of approved emission control devices.~~

~~(b) The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles certificates of inspection and approval and shall produce them on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary. However, an owner or operator of a light trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, or farm trailer need only provide a valid inspection sticker on demand of an inspecting officer to be in compliance with the inspection requirements of this Chapter.~~

~~(4) The rules and regulations adopted for the administration and enforcement of this Section shall include standards for windshields as follows:~~

~~(a) In the eight and one-half inch by eleven inch "acute area" directly in the driver's line of vision there shall be no cracks and there shall be no more than two stars, nicks, chips, bullseyes, or half-moons in excess of one-half inch.~~

~~(b) In the "critical area" cleaned by the normal sweep of the windshield wiper blade on the driver's side of the windshield there shall be no star which is larger than two inches in diameter, there shall be no more than two stars larger than one and one-half inches in diameter, and there shall be no more than two cracks longer than eight inches, or any combination thereof.~~

~~(c) In the remaining areas of the windshield, only those cracks which jeopardize the integrity of the windshield shall be cause for rejection.~~

B. The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate

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any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles certificates of inspection and approval or shall produce the same on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary. Owners and operators of all ~~motor~~ vehicles, pursuant to this Section, required to be equipped with windshields shall display on the lower left hand corner of the windshield a certificate of inspection affixed thereto by a duly authorized motor vehicle inspection station. The secretary shall accept the certificate of inspection and approval issued by any municipality pursuant to any municipal ordinance adopted prior to July 27, 1960. However, each person who applies for a motor vehicle inspection tag in the city of New Orleans shall produce written proof of insurance from an insurer that the motor vehicle is covered by security and shall declare in writing that he ~~or she~~ intends to maintain said security at all times while said vehicle is used upon the highways of Louisiana.

~~C. The director may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this Chapter and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.~~

~~D.(1)~~ C. The secretary may suspend the registration of any vehicle which he determines is in such unsafe condition as to constitute a menace to safety, or which after notice and demand is not equipped as required in this Chapter, or for which a required certificate has not been obtained.

~~E.(1) The mere failure of the owner or operator of a motor vehicle required by this Section to be inspected to obtain a current and valid inspection certificate shall not be in violation, provided that the certificate has been expired less than one calendar month, nor shall an owner or operator be in violation if he shall produce on demand, under Subsection B of this Section, a certificate of inspection for the vehicle valid and effective for not more than six months and not in current display on the windshield by reason of replacement of the windshield glass.~~

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D.~~(2) However, when~~ When a certificate of inspection is removed from a windshield by reason of replacement of windshield glass, the owner of the vehicle may be issued, for a fee of five dollars and twenty-five cents and return of the original certificate to an inspection certificate station, a certificate which shall be valid for the time remaining on the original certificate.

~~F. The purchaser of a used vehicle from a private individual shall be protected from citations for failure to have an inspection tag during the interval between the date of purchase and the receipt of title, provided proof of application can be shown.~~

~~G.~~ E. In order to enforce the provisions of this Section as applicable to motor vehicles which are propelled by an internal combustion engine or motor capable of using liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas, no such vehicle shall be issued a motor vehicle inspection certificate without a current decal as evidence of tax payment, as required by R.S. 47:802.3.

~~H.~~ F. No motor vehicle registered in a parish that approves the fee or charge authorized by R.S. 32:1306.1 shall be inspected in a parish other than the parish of registration.

G.(1) In addition, the secretary shall require motor vehicles registered in a parish or municipality subject to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., or continuous regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, be inspected in accordance with R.S. 30:2054(B)(8). Nothing in this Section shall be construed to relieve any operator of a motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(50), trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof from compliance with the provisions of R.S. 32:1301.

(2) The secretary shall require the inspection of all approved automotive emission control devices installed on vehicles required to be inspected or that were produced after model year 1980 to ensure that such devices have not been tampered with and are operative. However, low-speed vehicles shall not be subject to regular emissions inspections.

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(3)(a) The secretary shall formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other motor vehicles subject to inspection pursuant to this Section, which standards shall be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and operation of approved emission control devices.

(b) The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall provide external, readily visible certificates of inspection for emissions inspection and approval or shall produce them on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary.

H. The secretary may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this Chapter and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.

§1304.1. Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program

A. The secretary shall require that every motor vehicle or low speed vehicle, as defined in R.S. 32:1(50), registered in this state bear a Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program sticker.

B. The Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program sticker shall contain the vehicle identification number and be visible to law enforcement.

C. The fee for the Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program shall not exceed six dollars per year and may be assessed and collected on a biennial basis.

D.(1) The secretary is hereby authorized to promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles program stickers.

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(2) The rules and regulations adopted for the administration and enforcement of this Section shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The location to affix the program sticker.

(b) The inclusion of a barcode, quick response code, or comparable electronic identifier on the sticker.

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§1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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C.(1)~~(a)~~ A charge or fee shall be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.

~~(b) Persons operating an official inspection station shall offer certificates of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods. The owner of the vehicle shall have the option of purchasing a one year or a two year certificate. A charge or fee shall be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.~~

~~(c) The provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall not apply to the inspection programs provided for in Paragraphs (3) and (5) of this Subsection and to student transportation vehicles.~~

~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, for each year of validity of the certificate issued, a charge or fee of ten dollars shall be charged, four dollars and seventy-five cents of which shall be retained by the operator of the motor vehicle inspection station conducting the inspection, four dollars of which shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement, and one dollar and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with the motor vehicle inspection and financial responsibility programs. Included in the inspection shall be the adjustment of headlights when needed and mechanically practical, at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle inspected.~~

~~(3)(a)~~ (2)(a) For parishes and municipalities that have a vehicle inspection and maintenance program required by the federal Clean Air Act or regulations

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promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, ~~an additional~~ eight dollars shall be charged for each inspection that includes the performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) for 1980 or newer model year motor vehicles. The motor vehicle inspection station shall retain six dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge for implementation and performance of the I/M program. Two dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to implement and operate the inspection and maintenance program.

(b) The department shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Paragraph.

~~(c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any trailer, light trailer, or semitrailer.~~

~~(4)~~ (3) The maintenance and inspection program and the fees provided for in Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (2) of this Subsection shall be discontinued when the I/M program is discontinued as allowed by the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., and regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or agreements with the agency concerning the implementation of this program, or result in any other noncompliance regarding this Subsection.

~~(5)~~ (4) An annual charge or fee of thirty dollars shall be charged for the inspection of all commercial motor vehicles which are required to be inspected under the provisions of ~~Part 396 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations~~ 49 CFR Part 396, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof. No charges or fees other than the thirty-dollar fee shall be charged for a commercial motor vehicle inspection. Of the thirty-dollar fee, the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection shall retain twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents; two dollars and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and four dollars of which shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement. Included in the inspection shall be the adjustment of headlights at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle being inspected. ~~The Legislature~~

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~~of Louisiana hereby declares that a commercial motor vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.~~

~~(6)(a)~~ (5)(a) The charge or fee for the inspection of student transportation vehicles which are required to be inspected ~~under~~ pursuant to LAC 28:CXIII.701(A)(3) shall be twenty dollars. No charges or fees other than the twenty-dollar fee shall be charged for a student transportation vehicle inspection. Of the twenty-dollar fee, the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection shall retain fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents; one dollar and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and four dollars shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement.

(b) The adjustment of headlights shall be included in the inspection at no additional cost to the owner or operator of the school bus being inspected.

~~(c) The Legislature of Louisiana hereby declares that a student transportation vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection required of other motor vehicles and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of student transportation vehicles is based on the difference in these types of inspections.~~

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Section 3. R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. The commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the implementation of the provisions of this Act by no later than December 31, 2026, and is authorized to use the emergency rulemaking process.

[Acts 2026, No. 701]

[NOTE 2 ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT]

Section 5. For the period from June 30, 2026, to January 1, 2027, no law enforcement officer shall issue citations to any motor vehicle for failing to produce or display a certificate of inspection.

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Section 6. For the parishes subject to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., or continuous regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, this Act shall take effect if and when the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts the proposed State Implementation Plan amendments submitted by the Department of Environmental Quality. For all other parishes, this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027. [Acts 2026, No. 701]

Section 7. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable. [Acts 2026, No. 701]

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 745

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387.2(D), relative to special permits for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling containers to and from port facilities; to extend the expiration date for the permit requirement; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387.2(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§387.2. Special permits; vehicles or tandem loads hauling divisible or nondivisible container imports or exports to port facilities

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D. The provisions of this Section and all legislative authority for the existence of the permits authorized in this Section shall cease to exist on August 1, ~~2026~~ 2030.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 578

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BUTLER, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FARNUM, FIRMENT, HORTON, OWEN, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, AND WILDER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 14, Code of Civil Procedure Article 5055, Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 4, 795(C), (D), and (E), 989, 992, 994, 997, 998, and 999.1, Children's Code Articles 106, 720(B)(1), 725, 1217.1(A)(4), and 1239.1(A)(4), R.S. 1:8, R.S. 3:1493(E) and 2074(E), R.S. 4:158.2(A)(2) and 193(B), R.S. 9:2720(D), R.S. 11:3390 and 3662, R.S. 13:1856(1) and 1857(A)(8)(d)(ii) and (iii), R.S. 14:107.2(A), R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(c)(i), 832(A), 905(F)(13)(b) and (14)(a)(ii) and (d)(ii), 933(D)(4)~~(introductory paragraph)~~ and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 934(B)(4), 1110(D)(3), 1204.2(B)(4), and 1228.9(D)(1)(a), R.S. 17:17.5(B)(2), 100.13(G)(2)(f) and (J), 221.3(B)(2)(d), 416(M), 416.21(N)(3)(a) and (b)(i)(aa) and(bb), 1519.7(C), 1871(A)(3), 1998, 3047.7(B)(2)(a), 3351(B)(2)(b)(ii), 3399.12(5)(i), 3911(B)(1)(i)(introductory paragraph) and (4)(a)(introductory paragraph), 3991(A)(1)(c)(iv) and (B)(3), and 5067(B)(7), R.S. 22:1204(A)(10)(b), 1504(1), 1545(I)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (J), 1808.2(H), 2161(B), 2187(D)(4), and 2503(9)(b)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 23:2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:46(B), R.S. 32:398.10(A)(2) and 429.3, R.S. 33:130.302(A)(2), 130.882(A)(2), 363(D), 2740.70.3(B)(2), 4071(A)(6), and 4720.301(G)(2), R.S. 36:108(B)(5), R.S. 37:832(A)(2), 914(B)(3), 962(C), 1042(B)(1)(b), 1104(A), 1172(A), 2102(A)(2), 2353(A)(2), 2403(H), 2407(D), 2455(B)(1), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(2)(c), 3084(B)(2), 3201(B)(2), 3386.2(C), 3389(C), 3444(A), 3463(B)(1),

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3554(A)(2), and 3703(B)(3), R.S. 40:31.61, 101(D)(1), 600.151(D)(1)(l)(ii)(hh) and (m)(iv), and 2403(H)(1), R.S. 42:2.1(A) and 1132(B)(1)(a) through (c), R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1), 288.5(1), 460.37(B)(10), 1095(A), and 1941.8(A)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 47:337.14(E)(2) and 1702(6), R.S. 48:2134(C)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 49:1112(B)(1), R.S. 51:942(A) and 1762(A)(8)(a)(iii), R.S. 56:108(A) and 1705(C), relative to use of terms; to provide for the Restoring Biological Truth Act; to change references from gender to sex; to provide with respect to definitions; to provide for the use of gender and number; to provide for boards, commissions, and councils; to provide for statistical data collection and reporting; to provide for various technical revisions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Civil Code Article 14 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 14. Use of ~~gender~~ sex

Unless the context indicates otherwise, words used with reference to one ~~gender~~ sex apply to the other ~~genders~~ sex.

~~Section 2. R.S. 1:8 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

§8. One ~~gender~~ sex may denote ~~others~~ the other; definition of sex

A. Words used in reference to one ~~gender~~ sex apply also to the other ~~genders~~ sex, except as otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

B. "Sex" means an individual's biological sex, either male or female, as observed or clinically certified at birth. "Gender identity" and other subjective terms shall not be used as synonyms or substitutes for the term "sex".

Section 3. R.S. 3:1493(E) and 2074(E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1493. Louisiana Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board; creation and organization

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E. Appointments to the board shall be made no later than September 1, 2022. Each appointing authority shall notify the commissioner of the appointment. The

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Section 14. R.S. 32:398.10(A)(2) and 429.3 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§398.10. Collection and reporting of statistical information relating to traffic stops

A. All law enforcement officers defined as a peace officer in R.S. 40:2402 shall record and retain the following information:

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(2) Characteristics of race, ~~gender~~ sex, age, and state of residence of such persons, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for reporting the stop and the information shall not be required to be provided by the person stopped.

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§429.3. Collection and reporting of statistical information relating to migration of residents

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall collect statistical information regarding the ~~gender~~ sex and age of residents moving from parish to parish and residents moving into and out of Louisiana. The office of motor vehicles shall provide a report of this information, sorted by age, by ~~gender~~ sex, by parish, and by state, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the secretaries of each state department annually on or before January first of each year.

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Section 15. R.S. 33:130.302(A)(2), 130.882(A)(2), 363(D), 2740.70.3(B)(2), 4071(A)(6), and 4720.301(G)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§130.302. Board of commissioners; members; officers; employees

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(2) All commissioners shall be qualified voters and taxpayers within the limits of the district during their term of office and shall reside in St. Landry Parish or within an adjoining parish. In making appointments to the commission, the appointing authorities shall make every effort within the law to provide for racial and

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Section 29. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to change all references in law from gender to sex as it pertains to personally identifiable information of an individual.

[Acts 2026, No. 814]

Section 30. This Act shall be known as the "Restoring Biological Truth Act".

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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(NOTED ALL PROVISIONS [NOTE 3 ALL AFFECTED PROVS. & SEE CG PARATE DOC 1 IN THIS ACT]

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 590

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, ADAMS, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, DEWITT, EGAN, FREIBERG, DANA HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, PHELPS, SPELL, AND TAYLOR

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:403.3(B)(2)(c), relative to motor vehicle traffic stops; to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to create specially designed envelopes for individuals with certain disorders and disabilities; to improve traffic stop interactions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:403.3(B)(2)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§403.3. Identification stickers and decals; deaf and hard of hearing; autism spectrum disorder; mental, physical, or developmental disability

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(c) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, may create specially designed envelopes to be provided to drivers with mental, physical, developmental disabilities, or autism spectrum disorder or their parents or legal guardians that provide proof as required by Subsection C of this Section. The envelopes may include guidelines to assist law enforcement officers

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in recognizing and effectively communicating with drivers with disabilities during traffic stops.

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SENATE BILL NO. 48

BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON, EGAN, GLORIOSO, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MENA, SAWYER, WRIGHT, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:404(F)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:404(G), relative to international driving privileges; to provide for technical corrections; to authorize establishing reciprocity with Ireland relative to driver's licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:404(F)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:404(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§404. Operation of motor vehicles by nonresidents, students, and military personnel and dependents; reciprocity agreements with foreign countries

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F.(1) The ~~deputy secretary of public safety services of the~~ Department of Public Safety and Corrections is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to enter into reciprocity agreements with jurisdictions or agencies in foreign countries or with foreign governments that issue driver's licenses or the equivalent.

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G. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall enter a reciprocity agreement with the country of Ireland.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 868

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1050

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:405.1 and 408(B)(2)(a)(ii) and (b) and to repeal R.S. 32:408(B)(7), relative to certain requirements for commercial driver's licenses; to provide for clarification of age requirements for intrastate and interstate commercial driver's licenses; to lessen the restrictions on certain commercial driver's licenses; to remove the minimum vision requirements for intrastate driver waivers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:405.1 and 408(B)(2)(a)(ii) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§405.1. Age requirements

Subject to R.S. 32:407, a Class "E" driver's license or a Class "D" chauffeur's license shall be granted to a person seventeen years of age or ~~above~~ older. Class "A", "B", or "C" licenses shall be granted only to persons eighteen years of age or ~~above~~ older. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a first time applicant for a Class "E" license who is ~~an~~ eighteen ~~year old~~ years of age or older or the parent or guardian of a first time applicant who is seventeen ~~year old first time applicant for a Class "E" license~~ years of age shall provide a signed statement to the department attesting that the applicant has completed a minimum of fifty hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least ~~age~~ twenty-one years of age or older. However, if the first time applicant for a Class "E" license is seventeen years of age and emancipated, the applicant shall provide the attestation for himself, provided that the applicant has the necessary identifying information and documents. At least fifteen of these hours must be nighttime driving. ~~However, hazardous materials endorsements shall be issued only to persons twenty-one years~~

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~~of age or above.~~ A commercial driver's license authorizing the operation of a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce may be issued to a person eighteen years of age or older. A commercial driver's license authorizing the operation of a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, or a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement, shall be issued only to a person twenty-one years of age or older. The age limitations are subject to the minimum age requirements set forth in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 and the regulations promulgated thereunder relative to licensing of carriers in interstate commerce.

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§408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

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(2) A commercial driver's license shall be required when a vehicle is used in commerce as defined in this Chapter, and is a commercial motor vehicle as defined in this Chapter. A farmer shall not need a commercial driver's license when operating a motor vehicle as provided for in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph. The department may elect to or, if required by the Federal Highway Administration, shall change the weight and passenger limits expressed herein to conform to regulations by the Federal Highway Administration. The department shall do so by regulations promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act subject to oversight by the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. A commercial learner's permit issued to an individual of this state or another jurisdiction, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, when carried with a valid driver's license issued by the same state or jurisdiction, authorizes the permittee to operate a class of commercial motor vehicle when accompanied by a holder of a valid commercial driver's license for purposes of behind-the-wheel training. When issued to the holder of a commercial driver's license, a commercial learner's permit serves as

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authorization to take part in behind-the-wheel training in a commercial motor vehicle for which the driver is not licensed to drive. The different classes of drivers' licenses to be issued shall be as follows:

(a)

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(ii) Restriction. ~~An individual who takes a skills test for a Class "A" Commercial Driver's License in a motor vehicle other than a tractor-trailer combination, sometimes referred to as an "eighteen wheeler", shall be issued a license with a restriction prohibiting the operation of a tractor-trailer combination. This restriction shall be lifted only if the individual successfully completes a skills test in a tractor-trailer combination. For purposes of this Item, a power unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one pounds shall not qualify as the tractor portion of a tractor-trailer combination.~~ An individual who takes a skills test for a Class "A" commercial driver's license in a motor vehicle with the power unit and towed unit connected with a pintel hook or other non-fifth wheel connection, shall be issued a license with a restriction prohibiting the operation of a tractor-trailer combination connected by a fifth wheel that requires a Class "A" commercial driver's license. This restriction shall be lifted only if the individual successfully completes a skills test in a Class "A" vehicle connected with a fifth wheel.

(b) Class "B" Commercial Driver's License - "Heavy Straight Vehicle".

Permits the operation of any vehicle within Classes "C", "D", and "E", with any appropriate endorsements, plus any single vehicle ~~with~~ which has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand ~~and~~ one or more pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight that does not exceed ten thousand pounds. ~~not in excess of ten thousand pounds gross vehicle weight. A "straight vehicle" is defined for the purpose of this class as being one that does not bend or have any moveable joint in its frame between the driver's seat and the cargo or passenger compartment.~~ This

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class does not include the operation of motorcycles and motor scooters except as an endorsement to the basic license.

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Section 2. R.S. 32:408(B)(7) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: June 9, 2024

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ACT 170

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 613

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, AMEDEE, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BUTLER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, AND WILDER

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- NOTE § 3

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:410(A)(3)(a)(x) and R.S. 40:1321(E)(3), relative to information to be identified on driver's licenses and special identification cards; to require the office of motor vehicles to display a certain image on certain identification cards to signify citizenship status; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:410(A)(3)(a)(x) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§410. Form of license; photograph, signature of licensee, anatomical gift statement, declaration of life-sustaining procedures, and additional information on license

A.

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(3)(a) Every license issued shall bear thereon:

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(x) An image of an eagle in flight to signify that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, provided that the applicant's citizenship has been verified. If the system of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, is currently unable to accommodate the inclusion of new credentials, any future system upgrade or new card implementation shall include the capability to comply with the requirements of this Item.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1321(E)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1321. State identification cards; special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; special needs or accommodation designations; fees; expiration and renewal; exceptions; promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less than twenty-one years of age; the Protect and Save our Children Program; Selective Service Registration

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E.

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(3)(a) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall display an image of an eagle in flight on any special identification card issued to signify that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, provided that the applicant's citizenship has been verified.

(b) If the system of the office of motor vehicles is currently unable to accommodate the inclusion of new credentials, any future system upgrade or new card implementation shall include the capability to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph.

Section 3. The office of motor vehicles shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Act, including rules governing the design, placement, and format of the citizenship indicator and acceptable documentation for verifying United States citizenship.

[Acts 2026, No. 170]

[NOTED ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT]

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: May 15, 2026

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ACT 373

2026 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 252

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

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Note: - NOTE §§ 2 & 3

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:410(B), relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for clarification relative to anatomical gift authorization; to provide for refusal of donation of anatomical gifts; to provide for procedures relating to anatomical gifts; to provide for record keeping by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:410(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§410. Form of license; photograph, signature of licensee, anatomical gift statement, declaration of life-sustaining procedures, interest in bone marrow donation, and additional information on license

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B.(1)(a) ~~The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall give the widest possible dissemination to the anatomical donation program relating to eyes, kidneys, entire bodies, etc., and shall make whatever provisions are feasible and desirable, through its drivers licensing examining offices, to enable persons desiring to make such anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through the use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license~~

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~~examining offices. Additionally the license issued by the department shall contain an indication thereon whether or not the named applicant has elected to make an anatomical gift pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter or R.S. 17:2351 et seq., said indication to be by placing an "X" in the appropriate box marked "Yes" or "No" under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift".~~

~~(b) The following information shall be made available free of charge to applicants for a driver's license on a form to be promulgated by the department and maintained on file with the department:~~

~~(i) An anatomical gift statement indicating the organs donated for the purpose of transplantation or transplantation research;~~

~~(ii) A space for indicating any limitation or special wish of the donor; and~~

~~(iii) The signature of the donor and the witnesses to the signature of the donor.~~

~~(c) If the applicant elects not to execute an anatomical gift statement at the time of application, the statement shall remain blank when presented to the licensee so it can be executed by the licensee at any time after the license is issued. No other form or statement shall be required for the purpose of providing for the donation of organs.~~

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall make provisions through its driver's license examining offices that enable persons desiring to make anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through the use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license examining offices. The department shall provide to each applicant for a driver's license or identification card information presented in equivalent form and manner, without characterization, recommendation, or emphasis favoring authorization or refusal, regarding the option to make or refuse an anatomical gift, and shall provide the applicant the opportunity to indicate authorization for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection. Any indication made by an applicant under this Subparagraph shall be recorded in a manner prescribed by the department and shall have the effect provided by

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law governing anatomical gifts, refusals, and donor registries. Additionally, the license issued by the department shall contain a clear indication of whether the named applicant has authorized an anatomical gift, refused to make an anatomical gift, or made no selection, displayed by placement of an "X" or other clearly visible marking in the appropriate box corresponding to the applicant's selection under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift". No applicant shall be required to make a selection as a condition of issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card.

(2) ~~(b)~~ The following information shall be made available, without charge, to each applicant on a form promulgated by the department and maintained on file by the department:

(a) ~~(i)~~ A statement describing the option to make an anatomical gift for transplantation or transplantation research and the option to refuse to make an anatomical gift.

(b) ~~(ii)~~ A space for the applicant to indicate authorization for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection, including any limitation or special instruction the applicant chooses to express.

(c) ~~(iii)~~ A space for the signature of the applicant and, where required by law, any required witness or attestation.

(3) ~~(c)~~ If an applicant makes no selection under Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph at the time of application or renewal, no authorization or refusal shall be inferred. The absence of a selection shall not constitute authorization for an anatomical gift, a refusal to make an anatomical gift, or a revocation of any prior authorization or refusal, and shall have no independent legal effect under R.S. 17:2351 et seq.

~~EXISTING PARAGRAPHS (B)(2) THROUGH (4)~~

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[Acts 2026, No. 373]

Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Driver's License Anatomical Gift Consent Clarity Act".

[Acts 2026, No. 373]

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act

(NOTE: RS 32:410(B))

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which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2027.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 721

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1244
Ventrella)

(Substitute for House Bill No. 679 by Representative

BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BROUSSARD, BRYANT, CHASSION, EDMONSTON, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MOORE, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, AND WILEY AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, CARTER, CONNICK, MCMATH, PRICE, AND WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:412(Section heading) and (R) and to enact R.S. 32:412(S), relative to driver's license designations; to provide for the establishment of a brain injury designation on driver's licenses; to provide for the criteria for obtaining the designation for new applicants and renewals; to provide for penalties for persons making false statements to obtain a brain injury special designation; to require the implementation of law enforcement officer training; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:412(Section heading) and (R) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:412(S) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§412. Amount of fees; credit or refund; duration of license; veteran designation; special needs or accommodation designations; brain injury designation; disbursement of funds; renewal by mail or electronic commerce of Class "D" or "E" drivers' licenses; disposition of certain fees; exception

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R.(1) Upon request of an applicant for a driver's license, a designation that the applicant has a brain injury shall be exhibited on the driver's license upon presentation of a statement from a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States verifying the applicant's disability as established by administrative rule. The qualified medical or mental health professional shall be authorized to diagnose brain injuries. No additional fee shall be charged to include this designation.

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(2) Upon the renewal of a driver's license, a driver who has a brain injury shall provide a statement from a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States verifying his disability as established by administrative rule.

(3) Any person who has not been diagnosed with a brain injury who willfully and falsely represents himself as having the qualifications to obtain the special designation authorized by this Subsection shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars, or shall be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both. Any subsequent offense shall result in a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

(4) In addition to the training requirements contained in R.S. 40:2404.2(C), the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall establish and implement law enforcement training relative to law enforcement officers' interactions with persons with a brain injury. The training shall instruct law enforcement officers on sensitivity and awareness to ensure equitable treatment and how to effectively communicate and interact with persons with a brain injury. At a minimum, the training shall include the following:

(a) Identification of indicators that a person has a brain injury.

(b) Identification of procedures that an officer should employ when encountering a person with a brain injury.

(c) Demonstrations of communication and interactive techniques required to effectively interact with a person with a brain injury.

(d) Explanations that provide law enforcement officers with an understanding of the brain injury and examples of unexpected actions that could potentially be taken by persons diagnosed with a brain injury.

(e) Explanations of the resources available to assist an officer encountering a person with a brain injury.

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(f) Descriptions of the procedures an officer should use to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act when encountering a person with a brain injury.

(5) The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this Subsection, including a waiver of liability for the release of any medical information. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 49:966(B)(12), the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works shall have oversight of the adoption of rules and regulations required by this Subsection.

~~R.~~ S. An applicant for any class of license may choose to donate one dollar in addition to any license fee required by this Section to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund.

Section 2. This Act shall be known as "Riley's Law".

[Acts 2026, No. 721]

(NOTE: R.S. 32:412(R)(1)(c))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 838

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX AND DICKERSON

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(24)(a), (25)(b) through (o), 542(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 542.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(a) and (c) and (d), and 543.1, R.S. 32:412(I)(1), (2), (4), and (5), and R.S. 40:1321(J), to enact R.S. 15:541(25)(p) and (q), 542.1(A)(2)(e), and 542.1.2(A)(5) and R.S. 32:412(I)(6), and to repeal R.S. 15:542.1(A)(1)(e), relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements; to provide relative to criminal offenses that constitute a sex offense and sexual offenses against a victim who is a minor; to provide relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements and procedures; provides relative to duties of offenders; provides for corresponding changes to the form that the courts use for written notification; to provide relative to identification procedures for sex offenders; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

542.1.2(A)(Intro, Par.),

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:541(24)(a), (25)(b) through (o), 542(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 542.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(a) and (c) and (d), and 543.1 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:541(25)(p) and (q), 542.1(A)(2)(e), and 542.1.2(A)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

542.1.2(A)(Intro. Par.),

§541. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter, the definitions of terms in this Section shall apply:

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offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 ~~in which~~ where the victim of the sex offense was a minor, R.S. 14:91.5, which prohibits such offenders from using certain social networking websites, is applicable. A copy of this statute is provided to you with this notification. If you are not otherwise prohibited and use any social networking website, you must include in your profile for the social networking website an indication that you are a sex offender or child predator in accordance with R.S. 15:542.1(D). You must include notice of the crime for which you were convicted, the jurisdiction of conviction, a description of your physical characteristics, and your residential address. This notice must be visible to all other users and visitors of the networking website.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 20___ in open court, in_____, Louisiana.

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Judge, ____ Judicial District Court

I hereby certify that the above requirements have been explained to me, that I have received a copy of the above notice of sex offender registration and notification requirements, and a copy of the statutes providing for such requirements. I also understand that I will be subject to any changes made by the legislature to the registration laws from this day forward.

_____

(Name of Sex Offender)

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Defense Counsel Signature

Section 2. R.S. 32:412(I) ~~is hereby amended and reenacted~~ (1), (2), (4), & (5) are & RS 32:412(I)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§412. Amount of fees; credit or refund; duration of license; veteran designation; special needs or accommodation designations; disbursement of funds; renewal by mail or electronic commerce of Class "D" or "E" drivers' licenses; disposition of certain fees; exception

[ACT 721 & ACT 335]

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I.(1) ~~The~~ A Louisiana driver's license, regardless of its class, issued to any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to ~~R.S. 15:542 and R.S. 15:542.1~~ Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall contain a ~~restriction~~ quick response code ~~which declares that~~ or a QR code on the back of the driver's license for the purposes of assisting law enforcement in determining whether or not the license holder is a sex offender. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall comply with ~~the provisions of~~ this Subsection ~~and the driver's license shall include the words "sex offender" which shall be orange in color~~.

(2) ~~Any person to whom this Subsection applies shall carry upon his person the last driver's license issued to him.~~ A person who is issued a driver's license pursuant to this Subsection shall carry his driver's license on his person at all times when he is outside of his residence.

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(4) Any person ~~to whom~~ who is subject to this Subsection ~~applies~~ shall personally appear at a motor vehicle field office to renew his driver's license ~~every year~~, in addition to the yearly reregistration pursuant to R.S. 15:542 et seq. Reregistration shall include the submission of current information to the department and the verification of registration information, including the street address and telephone number of the registrant, name, street address, and telephone number of the registrant's employer, and any other registration information that may need to be verified. Upon successful completion of reregistration, the bureau shall electronically transmit ~~this fact~~ the completed reregistration to the office of motor vehicles which may then proceed to renew the driver's license. ~~In order to reimburse the office of motor vehicles for the cost of a yearly issuance, the~~ The regular renewal fee shall be collected at each renewal pursuant to this Subsection.

(5) Whoever intentionally fails to meet the requirements of this Subsection shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

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~~(5)~~(6) ~~The provisions of this~~ This Subsection ~~shall apply~~ applies to all registered sex offenders regardless of the date of conviction. This Subsection does not apply to any registered sex offender who possesses a special identification card pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(J). A registered sex offender who has been issued a driver's license pursuant to this Subsection shall forfeit his driver's license to the office of motor vehicles if he subsequently obtains a special identification card pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(J). Any registered sex offender who has both a driver's license and a special identification card shall have a quick response code or QR code on his driver's license and special identification card, as required by this Subsection.

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Section 3. ~~A.~~ R.S. 40:1321(J) ~~is hereby amended and reenacted~~ to read as follows:

§1321. State identification cards; special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; special needs or accommodation designations; fees; expiration and renewal; exceptions; promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less than twenty-one years of age; the Protect and Save our Children Program; Selective Service Registration

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J.(1) Any person required to register as a sex offender ~~with the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, as required by R.S. 15:542 et seq.,~~ pursuant to Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall obtain a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections which shall contain a ~~restriction~~ quick response code ~~declaring that,~~ or QR Code, on the back of the special identification card for the purposes of assisting law enforcement in determining whether or not the holder is a sex offender. ~~This special identification card shall include the words "sex offender" in all capital letters which are orange in color and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. This special identification card shall be carried on the person~~ The holder shall carry the special identification card on his person at all times ~~by the individual required to register as a sex offender~~ when he is outside of his residence.

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(2) Each person required to carry a special identification card pursuant to this Subsection shall personally appear~~, annually,~~ at a field office of the office of motor vehicles to ~~renew~~ obtain his ~~or her~~ special identification card ~~but only~~ after he ~~or she~~ has registered as ~~an~~ a sex offender pursuant to ~~R.S. 15:542 et seq~~ Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. Reregistration ~~shall include~~ includes the submission of current information to the department and the verification of this information, which ~~shall include~~ includes the street address and telephone number of the registrant; the name, street address, and telephone number of the registrant's employer; and any registration information that may need to be verified by the bureau. ~~No special identification card shall be issued or renewed until the office of motor vehicles receives confirmation from the bureau~~ The office of motor vehicles shall not issue a special identification card until the bureau has confirmed to the office, electronically or by other means, that the reregistration of the sex offender has been completed.

(3) ~~The provisions of this~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (5) of this Subsection, this Subsection ~~shall apply~~ applies to all sex offenders who are required to register pursuant to ~~R.S. 15:542 et seq.~~ Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, regardless of the date of conviction.

(4) Whoever ~~violates~~ intentionally fails to meet the requirements of this Subsection shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars ~~and not~~ nor more than five hundred dollars~~;~~ or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(5) This Subsection does not apply to any registered sex offender who possesses a driver's license pursuant to R.S. 32:412(I). A registered sex offender who has been issued a special identification card pursuant to this Subsection shall forfeit his special identification card to the office of motor vehicles if he subsequently obtains a driver's license pursuant to R.S. 32:412(I). Any registered sex offender who has both a driver's license and a special identification card shall have a quick response code or QR code on his driver's license and special identification card, as required by this Subsection.

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Section 5. R.S. 15:542.1(A)(1)(e) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 6. This Section and Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 690

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1032

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (D)(1)(a), (I)(1), and (V), 661(A)(3), 896(A), and 1420, relative to substances involved in the violation of operating a motor vehicle under the influence; to provide for uniform references to substances involved in operating a motor vehicle under the influence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:414(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (D)(1)(a), (I)(1), and (V), 661(A)(3), 896(A), and 1420 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review

A.(1)(a) The department shall suspend the license of any person for a period of twelve months upon receiving, from any district, city, or municipal court, of this state or of any other state, having traffic jurisdiction, or from any federal court or magistrate having traffic jurisdiction, satisfactory evidence of the conviction or of the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and sentence thereupon or of the forfeiture of bail of any such person charged with the first offense for vehicular negligent injuring, R.S. 14:39.1, or for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of high alcoholic content, of low alcoholic content, of ~~narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants~~ <u>any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs</u>, including those cases where a person's sentence is suspended pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893 or 894. The department shall promptly investigate an allegation made by such licensee that the suspension of his driving privileges will deprive him or his family of the necessities of life, or will prevent him from earning a livelihood. If the department so finds, it may reinstate the license of such licensee; however, such suspension and reinstatement shall be considered as a first suspension and grant of restricted driving

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privileges for the purposes of R.S. 32:415.1, and the driving privileges of the licensee shall be restricted as provided in R.S. 32:415.1 for a period of twelve months from the date of conviction or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and sentence thereupon or of the forfeiture of bail. Notice of the restriction shall be attached to the license.

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B. The department shall forthwith suspend the license of any person, for a period of twenty-four months, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of the conviction or of the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence thereupon or of the forfeiture of bail of any such person charged with any of the following crimes:

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(2)(a) Conviction or the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence thereupon, or of the forfeiture of bail of any such person on the second offense for vehicular negligent injuring or for operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, of ~~central nervous system stimulants or depressants, or of narcotic drugs or any other drug or substance to a degree which renders him incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle~~ any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs, when any or all of the offenses were the result of violations of a state law, a municipal ordinance, a federal law, or any combination of them; however, any offense for vehicular negligent injuring or for operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages which was committed more than ten years prior to the commission of a subsequent such offense of operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall not be considered in determining the number of such offenses of operating or controlling a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages which the person has committed.

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D.(1)(a) The department shall suspend the license of any person for a period of thirty-six months upon receiving satisfactory evidence of conviction, plea of

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guilty, or plea of nolo contendere, and sentence thereon, or of the forfeiture of bail of any such person as determined by any court of jurisdiction as set forth in this Section, with regard to a third or subsequent offense for vehicular negligent injuring or for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of alcoholic content, of ~~narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants~~ any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs. Third or subsequent offenses for purposes of this Subsection does not refer to the criminal charge but rather to the number of offenses resulting in conviction, guilty pleas, nolo contendere pleas, or bond forfeitures within five years from date of first offense to the date of third offense.

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I.(1) The reinstatement fee for a license of a person who has been convicted of or forfeited bond on or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of high alcoholic content, of low alcoholic content, of ~~narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants~~ any drugs, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs shall be ~~one~~ two hundred dollars if one conviction appears listed on his record prior to application for reinstatement; ~~two~~ four hundred dollars if two such convictions appear on his record prior to application for reinstatement; and ~~three~~ six hundred dollars for each conviction on his record after the second conviction prior to application for reinstatement, and the requirements of R.S. 32:896 relative to proof of financial responsibility have been satisfied.

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V.(1) The department shall suspend the license of a person for the same period of time as provided in Subparagraphs (A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), and (D)(1)(a) of this Section for the conviction or the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence thereupon, or the forfeiture of bail of any such person charged with vehicular negligent injuring committed while operating a watercraft or for operating a watercraft while under the influence of beverages of high alcoholic content, of low alcoholic content, of

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~~narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants~~ any drugs, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs.

(2) Any suspension or revocation of license due to the conviction or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and sentence thereupon or the forfeiture of bail on the charge of vehicular negligent injuring or for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of high alcoholic content, of low alcoholic content, of ~~narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants~~ any drugs, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs as provided for in this Section shall also prohibit the operation or physical control of a watercraft upon the waterways of this state during the time period of such suspension or revocation.

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§661. Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal substance or controlled dangerous substances; implied consent to chemical tests; administering of test and presumptions

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(3) If the person is under twenty-one years of age, the test or tests shall be administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to believe the person to have been driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state after having consumed alcoholic beverages, any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs. The law enforcement agency by which the officer is employed shall designate in writing and under what conditions which of the tests shall be administered.

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§896. Proof required upon certain convictions

A. When the director under ~~Section 414(A)~~ R.S. 32:414(A) or (B)(2) ~~or 414(B)(2) of this Title~~ suspends the license or nonresident operating privilege of any person upon receipt of evidence of conviction, entry of guilty plea, or forfeiture of bond of any person charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, or ~~narcotic drugs or stimulants of the central nervous~~

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~~system~~ any drugs, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs, or under ~~Section 667 of this Title~~ R.S. 32:667 for refusal to submit to chemical tests of blood, breath, urine, or other bodily substance for determining the alcoholic content of his blood, no license shall be reinstated or reissued to the person unless such person previously has given or immediately gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility with respect to all motor vehicles registered by him and shall show financial responsibility individually as a non-owner for a period of three years.

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§1420. Enactment; text

The Driver License Compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

DRIVER LICENSE COMPACT

ARTICLE I

Findings and declaration of policy

(a) The party states find that:

(1) The safety of their streets and highways is materially affected by the degree of compliance with state and local ordinances relating to the operation of motor vehicles.

(2) Violation of such a law or ordinance is evidence that the violator engages in conduct which is likely to endanger the safety of persons and property.

(3) The continuance in force of a license to drive is predicated upon compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the operation of motor vehicles, in whichever jurisdiction the vehicle is operated.

(b) It is the policy of each of the party states to:

(1) Promote compliance with the laws, ordinances, and administrative rules and regulations relating to the operation of motor vehicles by their operators in each of the jurisdictions where such operators drive motor vehicles.

(2) Make the reciprocal recognition of licenses to drive and eligibility therefor more just and equitable by considering the overall compliance with motor vehicle laws, ordinances and administrative rules and regulations as a condition

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precedent to the continuance or issuance of any license by reason of which the licensee is authorized or permitted to operate a motor vehicle in any of the party states.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

As used in this compact:

(a) "State" means a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(b) "Home state" means the state which has issued and has the power to suspend or revoke the use of the license or permit to operate a motor vehicle.

(c) "Conviction" means a conviction of any offense related to the use or operation of a motor vehicle which is prohibited by state law, municipal ordinance or administrative rule or regulation, or a forfeiture of bail, bond or other security deposited to secure appearance by a person charged with having committed any such offense, and which conviction or forfeiture is required to be reported to the licensing authority.

ARTICLE III

Reports of conviction

The licensing authority of a party state shall report each conviction of a person from another party state occurring within its jurisdiction to the licensing authority of the home state of the licensee. Such report shall clearly identify the person convicted; describe the violation specifying the section of the statute, code or ordinance violated; identify the court in which action was taken; indicate whether a plea of guilty or not guilty was entered, or the conviction was a result of the forfeiture of bail, bond or other security; and shall include any special findings made in connection therewith.

ARTICLE IV

Effect of conviction

(a) The licensing authority in the home state, for the purposes of suspension, revocation or limitation of the license to operate a motor vehicle, shall give the same

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effect to the conduct reported, pursuant to Article III of this compact, as it would if such conduct had occurred in the home state, in the case of convictions for:

(1) Manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;

(2) Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor ~~to a degree which renders the driver incapable of safely~~ or a narcotic drug, or ~~a narcotic drug, or under the influence of any other drug~~ any driving a motor vehicle drug, combination of drugs, or combination of alcohol and drugs ;

(3) Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;

(4) Failure to stop and render aid in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another.

(b) As to other convictions, reported pursuant to Article III, the licensing authority in the home state shall give such effect to the conduct as is provided by the laws of the home state.

(c) If the laws of a party state do not provide for offenses or violations denominated or described in precisely the words employed in subdivision (a) of this Article, such party state shall construe the denominations and descriptions appearing in subdivision (a) hereof as being applicable to and identifying those offenses or violations of a substantially similar nature and the laws of such party state shall contain such provisions as may be necessary to ensure that full force and effect is given to this Article.

ARTICLE V

Applications for new licenses

Upon application for a license to drive, the licensing authority in a party state shall ascertain whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of a license to drive issued by any other party state. The licensing authority in the state where application is made shall not issue a license to drive to the applicant if:

(1) The applicant has held such a license, but the same has been suspended by reason, in whole or in part, of a violation and if such suspension period has not terminated.

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(2) The applicant has held such a license, but the same has been revoked by reason, in whole or in part, of a violation and if such revocation has not terminated, except that after the expiration of one year from the date the license was revoked, such person may make application for a new license if permitted by law. The licensing authority may refuse to issue a license to any such applicant if, after investigation, the licensing authority determines that it will not be safe to grant to such person the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways.

(3) The applicant is the holder of a license to drive issued by another party state and currently in force unless the applicant surrenders such license.

ARTICLE VI

Applicability of other laws

Except as expressly required by provisions of this compact, nothing contained herein shall be construed to affect the right of any party state to apply any of its other laws relating to licenses to drive to any person or circumstance, nor to invalidate or prevent any driver license agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a party state and a nonparty state.

ARTICLE VII

Compact administrator and interchange of information

(a) The head of the licensing authority of each party state shall be the administrator of this compact for his state. The administrators, acting jointly, shall have the power to formulate all necessary and proper procedures for the exchange of information under this compact.

(b) The administrator of each party state shall furnish to the administrator of each other party state any information or documents reasonably necessary to facilitate the administration of this compact.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into force and withdrawal

(a) This compact shall enter into force and become effective as to any state when it has enacted the same into law.

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(b) Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until six months after the executive head of the withdrawing state has given notice of the withdrawal to the executive heads of all other party states. No withdrawal shall affect the validity or applicability by the licensing authorities of states remaining party to the compact of any report of conviction occurring prior to the withdrawal.

ARTICLE IX

Construction and severability

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 179

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2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 845

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND PHELPS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(I)(1), relative to reinstatement fees for certain suspended licenses; to provide for an increase in reinstatement fees applicable to a person whose license was suspended for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, or certain stimulants; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:414(I)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review

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I.(1) The reinstatement fee for a license of a person who has been convicted of or forfeited bond on or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of high alcoholic content, of low alcoholic content, of narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants shall be ~~one~~ two hundred dollars if one conviction appears listed on his record prior to application for reinstatement; ~~two~~ four hundred dollars if two such convictions appear on his record prior to application for reinstatement; and ~~three~~ six hundred dollars for each conviction on his record after the second conviction prior

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to application for reinstatement, and the requirements of R.S. 32:896 relative to proof of financial responsibility have been satisfied.

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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 666

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HOUSE BILL NO. 722

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DEWITT, FISHER, FREEMAN, DANA HENRY, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, AND WALTERS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1), relative to automatic reinstatement of suspended driver's licenses for unpaid traffic fees; to provide for the automatic reinstatement of suspended, cancelled, or revoked driver's licenses for unpaid fees; to provide for proof of payment related to traffic fines; to provide for a limitation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review

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(2)(a) For cause satisfactory to the department, it is hereby authorized to suspend, cancel, or revoke the license of any person for a period of not more than one year.

(b)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person's driver's license that has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked for nonpayment of fees shall be automatically reinstated if both of the following occur:

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(aa) The person makes full payment of all fees or fines assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of the driver's license.

(bb) The person provides proof of payment of any fees or fines, as contemplated by R.S. 32:393, or any other provision under this Title.

(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph do not apply to a person whose driver's license has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked for operating a vehicle while impaired pursuant to R.S. 14:98.

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§415. Operating vehicle while license is suspended; offenses in other states; record of offenses given other states

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B.(1)(a) Any period of suspension or revocation shall automatically be extended for a period of one year from the date the licensee would otherwise have been entitled to apply for a new license upon his conviction for any offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle committed during such period. No driver shall use a license issued to him in another state or the privilege of a nonresident to drive a motor vehicle in this state, upon receiving notice of his conviction, or of the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence thereupon, or of the forfeiture of bail in another state of federal jurisdiction for any offense, which if committed in this state, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license.

(b)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person's driver's license that has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked for nonpayment of fees shall be automatically reinstated if both of the following occur:

(aa) The person makes full payment of all fees or fines assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of the driver's license.

(bb) The person provides proof of payment of any fees or fines, as contemplated by R.S. 32:393, or any other provision under this Title.

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(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph do not apply to a person whose driver's license has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked for operating a vehicle while impaired pursuant to R.S. 14:98.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 593

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANCE HENRY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429(A), relative to office of motor vehicles field offices; to provide relative to service and transaction fees local governments may levy to fund office of motor vehicles field offices, not fully funded by the state; to increase the maximum fee allowed per service or transaction statewide; to remove specific authority granted to certain parishes regarding maximum service and transaction fees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:429(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§429. Office of motor vehicles field offices; authorization of fees

A.(1) The governing authority of any local governmental subdivision is hereby authorized to levy, by resolution, a fee for each service or transaction carried out as an operation of an office of motor vehicles field office that is not fully funded by the state. ~~Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the~~ The fee shall not exceed ~~four~~ eight dollars ~~and fifty cents~~ per service or transaction and shall be used solely to defray the cost of operations of that local field office, including but not limited to facility rental, utilities, and maintenance. The fee shall not be charged for the procurement or renewal of a motor vehicle registration license.

(2) The fee provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to the office of motor vehicles field offices located in Shreveport, Louisiana. ~~may be levied in an amount not to exceed six dollars by the local governing authority of the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, and Calcasieu.~~

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~~(3) The fee provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection may be levied in an amount not to exceed eight dollars by the local governing authority of the city of West Monroe.~~

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1173

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND CHASSION

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B), relative to the terms of installment agreements for outstanding fines, penalties, and fees owed to the office of motor vehicles; to extend the issuance of certain late fees for failure to make timely payments; to provide for requirements before a person is removed from the Reinstatement Relief Program; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§429.4. Installment agreement; outstanding penalties, fines, and fees owed to the office of motor vehicles

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E. The failure to make a scheduled payment in accordance with the terms of the installment agreement shall result in the missed scheduled payment being added to the end of the payment schedule of the installment agreement and shall apply to the first three missed payments. Upon a fourth, or any subsequent, missed payment an assessment of a late fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars~~, which~~ shall be added to the total amount due. Upon the failure to receive a payment, the office of motor vehicles shall send an electronic mail notification to the debtor to update the debtor's payment information and pay the missed payment. ~~If, after receiving the electronic mail notice, the debtor updates the payment information, pays the late fee, and submits the missed payment, the~~ The installment agreement shall remain in place and no further action ~~will~~ shall be taken until the fourth, and any subsequent, missed

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payment. In such case, the missed payment and late fee shall be received by the office of motor vehicles prior to the next scheduled payment date.

F. Termination of installment agreement upon failure to make payment.

(1) If any installment payment is not paid on or before the date fixed for its payment or rescheduled, and the debtor fails to make up the missed payment as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the entire amount unpaid pursuant to the installment agreement shall be paid by the debtor within a sixty-day period from the date of notice and demand from the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles. The notice shall further advise the debtor that his driver's license shall be suspended upon the expiration of the sixty-day period if the payments due pursuant to the installment agreement are not made current within that sixty-day period or the agreement is not reinstated by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles within that sixty-day period. This notice shall be known as "Notice of Installment Agreement Termination and Demand".

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§863.1.2. Reinstatement Relief Program

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B. The commissioner shall determine the amount of reinstatement fees that the person owes. The person shall promptly pay the amount determined to be owed no later than ten calendar days from the date that the commissioner sets the amount that is owed. If the person needs to make payment arrangements, the person shall execute an installment agreement with the office of motor vehicles. Such an installment agreement shall only be for the amount determined to be owed by the commissioner together with all fees associated with the installment agreement as provided in R.S. 32:429.4. If a person executes an installment contract, that person shall maintain eligibility to remain in the Reinstatement Relief Program only if they make ~~all~~ payments required in the installment agreement. If a person fails to ~~make a timely payment and fails to pay the missed payment with the associated late fee before the next scheduled payment~~ meet the requirements of the installment agreement pursuant to R.S. 32:429.4, the person shall be removed from the

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Reinstatement Relief Program and shall not be eligible to reenter the Reinstatement Relief Program.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 32:662.1, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 814(A)(9) and (10), relative to driving while intoxicated or impaired; to add "impaired" to certain provisions of law regarding intoxication; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1894.1. Driving while intoxicated or impaired; prosecutions for violation required to be filed under general state law; city and municipal courts

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, prosecutions in any city, parish, or municipal court based on or arising out of the operation of a vehicle by a person while intoxicated or impaired may be charged and prosecuted ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:98 or under any applicable city, parish, or municipal ordinance that incorporates the standards, elements, and sentences of the offense of driving while intoxicated or impaired contained in R.S. 14:98. Any conviction for a first or second offense or the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence based on such plea or the forfeiture of bail of any person having been charged with a first or second violation of R.S. 14:98 in any such city, parish, or municipal court shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 14:98(D)(1) or (2), whichever is applicable. Any conviction for a first or second offense or the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence based on such plea or the forfeiture of bail of any person having been charged with a first or second violation of the applicable city, parish, or municipal ordinance in any such city, parish, or municipal court shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance and shall constitute

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a conviction ~~under~~ pursuant to R.S. 14:98 for purposes of determining the number of prior convictions in a proceeding under R.S. 14:98.

B. For purposes of this Section, all city, parish, and municipal courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts over violations otherwise subject to their jurisdiction provided for by R.S. 14:98, except in those cases wherein the person or defendant is charged as a third or subsequent offender under the provisions of R.S. 14:98(D)(3) or (D)(4), whichever is applicable. If the charge is for a third or subsequent offense, the prosecution shall be had only in the district court and the defendant shall have the right to a trial by jury. However, mayors' courts shall have no jurisdiction whatsoever over violations as provided for by R.S. 14:98, nor to the trial of offenses against municipal ordinances relative to prosecutions on charges of driving while intoxicated or impaired.

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§1894.2. Additional costs; certain violations

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in addition to any fines, forfeitures, costs, or penalties, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or a violation of local ordinance, including a traffic felony, misdemeanor, or local traffic violation, shall be assessed an additional cost in any matter where the use of alcohol was a factor involved in the commission of a crime. Any court that designates by rule, divisions, or sections of the court as a specialized division or section having subject matter jurisdiction for alcohol related offenses including driving while intoxicated or impaired, shall assess the following costs:

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~~Section 2.~~ R.S. 32:662.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§662.1. Admissibility

In all criminal cases where intoxication or impairment is an issue, any certificate or writing made in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 32:663, including but not limited to intoxilyzer instrument recertification forms, and other certificates or writings made with respect to the chemical analyses of a person's blood, urine, breath, or other bodily substance, shall be admissible as evidence.

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Section 3. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 814(A)(9) and (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 814. Responsive verdicts; in particular

A. The only responsive verdicts which may be rendered when the indictment charges the following offenses are:

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9. Vehicular negligent injuring:

Guilty.

Guilty of negligent injuring.

Guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated or impaired.

Not guilty.

10. First degree vehicular negligent injuring:

Guilty.

Guilty of vehicular negligent injuring.

Guilty of negligent injuring.

Guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated or impaired.

Not guilty.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SENATE BILL NO. 72

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- CONFLICTS W/ACT 850 - NOTE THIS ACT & PRINT THAT ACT PER ATTACHED CERT
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BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON AND SAWYER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:707.2(A), (C)(1), and (D), to enact R.S. 32:702(18), 705(B)(6) and (7), 707.2(I) and (J), 707.2.1, and 707.2.2, and to repeal R.S. 32:707.2(G), relative to the office of motor vehicles; to provide for the acceptance of digital signatures; to provide for the acceptance of electronic signatures; to provide for system requirements for electronic lien, titling, and recordation of motor vehicles; to provide for the duties of the office of motor vehicles; to provide for the use of electronic signatures; to provide for civil immunity; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for severability; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:707.2(A), (C)(1), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:702(18), 705(B)(6) and (7), 707.2(I) and (J), 707.2.1, and 707.2.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§702. Definitions

ALPHABETIZE
(1)-(5)=(1)-(5)
(6)-(17)→(7)-(18)
(18)→(6)

As used in this Chapter:

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(18) "Certificate of title" means the record that is evidence of ownership of a motor vehicle, whether paper or electronic, issued by the department.

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§705. Acceptance and delivery of certificate

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B. For purposes of this Section, an "endorsement" means one of the following:

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(6) The electronic signature of the seller affixed to an electronic record of assignment or transfer of title in a manner authorized by the department,

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consistent with the provisions of the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, R.S. 9:2601 et seq. The electronic signatures shall comply with the Identity Assurance Level 2 (IAL2) security standard when required by federal law or regulation, as defined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-63A.

(7) An electronic signature of the seller affixed through an electronic titling system or other electronic process approved by the department, which shall have the same force and effect as a handwritten signature and endorsement executed pursuant to Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection.

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§707.2. Electronic ~~media~~ system for lien recordation**; vehicle titling and registration; participation requirements; fees;** required bond; confidentiality of information; rules and regulations

A. The department shall develop and implement on a statewide basis ~~no later than January 1, 2010,~~ a computer system which will permit the electronic recording of information ~~concerning the perfection and release of vehicle security interests without submitting or receiving the paper title documents~~ **including electronic lien, electronic titling, and electronic registration**. The department ~~may~~ **shall** allow the submission of vehicle title information for new, transferred, and corrected certificates of title, including the perfection and release of security interests, through electronic ~~media~~ **means** in a cost-effective manner ~~in lieu of the submission and maintenance of paper documents otherwise required by this Chapter~~. **The system shall enable the ability to transact, process, record, and transmit certificates of title and to record and release liens through a completely electronic process for the following users:**

(1) All business entities and their service providers applying for automotive titles and registrations, for itself or the customers.

(2) All federally insured depository institutions, their affiliates and subsidiaries, other lenders, and their public tag agents and other service providers.

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C.(1) An approved public license tag agent operating a secured host computer system interfacing with the computer system of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and the computer system of a lending institution or other sales finance company shall be bonded in an amount specified by the department. The public license tag agent is hereby authorized to charge a fee to customers utilizing this electronic ~~media~~ system.

(2) Each federally insured depository institution that originates more than ~~two hundred fifty~~ **twenty-five** motor vehicle transactions per year, and each finance company, lending institution, or other lender shall designate a public tag agent with which such bank, finance company, lending institution, or other lender shall interface its computer system for the purpose of receiving electronic confirmation from the department, of the receipt and the filing of the security interest on the subject motor vehicle. Each federally insured depository institution that originates more than ~~two hundred fifty~~ **twenty-five** motor vehicle transactions per year, and each finance company, lending institution, or other lender shall also designate such public tag agent when transmitting a release or satisfaction of its lien.

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D. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a written or printed report of an electronic ~~media~~ transaction or recording required under the provisions of this Section, if certified as true and correct by the department, shall serve as evidence of any signature, acknowledgment, or information which was provided to or by the department through electronic means, and the certification shall be admissible in any legal proceeding as evidence of the facts stated therein.

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I. Any lienholder using the department's electronic lien and electronic titling system, directly or through a public tag agent, to release a lien encumbering an electronic certificate of title shall process the electronic lien release within five business days after the lienholder has been paid in full and the payoff funds are deemed by the lienholder to be collected. The

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requirements of this Subsection shall not apply to paper certificates of title, which shall be governed by R.S. 32:708.

J.(1) Beginning twelve months after January 1, 2028, or the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that a fully operational statewide electronic, lien, electronic titling, and electronic registration system has been implemented, whichever occurs sooner, any person who, in the regular course of business, submits applications for certificates of title, registration, lien recordings, lien satisfactions, or other documents to the department in connection with motor vehicle transactions shall submit those applications through the system, subject to such exceptions as the department may provide by rule.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing definitions, operational standards, performance requirements, compliance criteria, and reporting requirements for electronic lien and title, electronic vehicle registration, and electronic registration and titling systems.

§707.2.1. Electronic signatures and records for motor vehicle transactions

A. Any document, record, or instrument required in connection with the sale, lease, transfer, titling, registration, or financing of a motor vehicle may be created, executed, transmitted, and stored electronically, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Titling documents.

(2) Registration applications.

(3) Odometer disclosure forms.

(4) Secure and limited powers of attorney.

(5) Attestations.

B. Any documents used to transfer ownership of a vehicle to an insurance company after payment of damages may be signed electronically and reproduced in paper form and shall not require notarization. The supporting documents include but are not limited to the following:

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(1) Limited powers of attorney.

(2) Applications for duplicate titles.

(3) Odometer disclosure forms.

C.(1) Electronic signatures shall comply with the Identity Assurance Level 2 (IAL2) security standard when required by federal law or regulation as defined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-63A.

(2) An electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the department pursuant to this Section, including a legibly scanned or imaged copy of a signed document, shall have the same force and effect as a handwritten signature or original paper document, shall satisfy any legal requirement for a written signature or record, shall not require notarization, and shall be admissible for all legal and evidentiary purposes to the same extent as a handwritten signature or original paper document.

D.(1) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall accept electronic records and electronic signatures for the documents and records identified in Subsections A and B of this Section and any electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the department pursuant to this Section shall have the same force and effect as an original written document or handwritten signature and shall satisfy any legal requirement for a written record or signature.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing:

(a) Electronic signatures and authentication standards.

(b) Security and identity verification procedures.

E.(1) A dealer or authorized officer as set forth in R.S. 32:702 using an approved system in good faith and without actual knowledge of fraud or unauthorized access shall be immune from civil liability arising solely from the use of electronic signatures, remote notarization of powers of attorney or

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electronic records, including claims alleging improper execution, authentication, or transmission, provided the dealer or authorized officer complied with the requirements of this Section and any rules promulgated by the department.

(2) The immunity provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to intentional misconduct or gross negligence.

§707.2.2. Secure digital motor vehicle titles

A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall implement, or authorize the use of, a secure, interoperable system that offers vehicle title holders a fully paperless, secure digital vehicle title that may be issued in lieu of a paper certificate of title, including the ability for such title to be made available to the title holder through a department-approved or state-authorized digital credential platform.

B. Once implemented, the secure digital title system shall:

(1) Include all functions related to title reassignments.

(2) Meet or exceed applicable security requirements as set forth in regulations promulgated by the department.

(3) Provide title holders with online, real-time access to motor vehicle titles and status of titles in process.

(4) Support secure interoperability with department-approved systems, including approved digital credential platforms, dealer service providers, financial institution service providers, and verification services, through standards-based interfaces, application programming interfaces, or other methods approved by the department.

C. A secure digital vehicle title produced under this Section shall be regarded as an official title from the state of Louisiana and fully recognized legally for any motor vehicle related transactions within the state and all other United States jurisdictions.

D. The secure digital title system shall permit the electronic transfer, reassignment, and recording of ownership of a motor vehicle. Ownership transfers executed through an approved electronic title system shall have the

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same legal effect as transfers executed through a paper certificate of title. Licensed motor vehicle dealers may complete title assignments, reassignments of ownership, and related documents through the electronic system without requiring issuance of a paper certificate of title.

E. A duly certified copy of the office of motor vehicle's secure digital title shall be admissible in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in this state as evidence of the existence of the title.

F. The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. Any rules promulgated under this Section shall be designed to promote competition, transparency, interoperability, and consumer choice, subject to security, privacy, and technical standards established by the department. The department shall not require a title holder, dealer, lender, insurer, or other authorized user to use a specific proprietary application to access, present, or verify a secure digital title where a department-approved interoperable alternative meeting the department's security, privacy, and technical standards is available.

G. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant any vendor, contractor, system integrator, or operator of the department's system of record the exclusive right to display, present, verify, or otherwise make available to residents a digital wallet, identity verification, electronic signature, verifier services, or other resident-facing services related to secure digital vehicle titles. The department shall remain the sole issuer of secure digital vehicle titles. The department may authorize one or more qualified providers, including approved digital credential platforms and verification services, to perform resident-facing display, presentation, or verification functions, subject to security, privacy, audit, and interoperability requirements established by the department.

H. The department shall remain the authoritative source of all title records. Any display, presentation, verification, or use of a secure digital title through an approved digital credential platform shall not alter the department's

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ownership or control of the authoritative title record and shall be subject to technical standards and business requirements established by the department.

I. A secure digital title issued pursuant to this Section may be verified through a department-approved digital verification service, provided such service meets security, privacy, audit, and interoperability requirements established by the department.

Section 2. R.S. 32:707.2(G) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3.(A) The provisions of R.S. 32:705(B)(6) and (7), R.S. 32:707.2(A), (C)(1), (D), (I), and (J), and R.S. 32:707.2.1, as enacted or amended by this Act, shall become effective on January 1, 2028, or on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that a fully operational statewide electronic lien, electronic titling, and electronic registration system has been implemented, whichever occurs sooner. [Acts 2026, No. 454] [NOTE: ALL PROVS. IN THIS SECTION]

(B) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to invalidate or limit any electronic record, electronic signature, or electronic transaction otherwise authorized by law or by policy of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, prior to the effective date of this Section.

(C) The provisions of R.S. 32:707.2.2, as enacted by this Act, shall become effective on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that the secure digital title system required by R.S. 32:707.2.2 has been implemented and is operational, or January 1, 2031, whichever occurs sooner. [Acts 2026, No. 454] [NOTE: RS 32:707.2.2]

Section 4. R.S. 32:702(18), the repeal of R.S. 32:707.2(G), and Sections 5 and 6 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, those provisions shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Section 5. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable. [Acts 2026, No. 454] [NOTE: ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT]

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Section 6. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the definitions provided in R.S. 32:702.

[NOTE: RS 32:102]

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RE: Request for Certification of Conflict for Act Nos. 454 and 850 of the 2026 Regular Session

Ms. Dixon and Ms. Fontenot:

Act Nos. 454 and 850 both amend R.S. 32:707.2(C)(2) concerning designation of public tag agents for computer system interface. Act 454 changes the number of required motor vehicle transactions from two hundred fifty to twenty-five, whereas Act 850 retains the two-hundred-fifty-transaction threshold.

Pursuant to R.S. 24:252(B), please certify which of these Acts was enacted last and jointly direct the Law Institute to incorporate into the Revised Statutes the text of the provision of law last enacted. A certification reply form is included for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mallory Chatelain Waller
Revisor of Statutes

CONFLICT CERTIFICATION
[R.S. 24:252(B)]

Pursuant to R.S. 24:252(B), in response to the notification by the Louisiana State Law Institute of a conflict between two or more legislative acts, dated August 3, 2026, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives do hereby certify that:

As between Acts 454 and 850 of the 2026 Regular Session, affecting R.S. 32:707.2(C)(2), Act 850 was enacted last, and the Louisiana State Law Institute is jointly directed to incorporate into the Revised Statutes the text of Act 850.

Yolanda J. Wilson
Secretary of the Senate

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Date Aug 20, 2026

ACT 850

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HOUSE BILL NO. 874

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:707.2(C)(2) and R.S. 39:17.2(A), relative to digitized credentials; to provide for the authority of the commissioner; to authorize the commissioner to coordinate with the governing bodies of certain professions and occupations for digitized credentials; to implement the availability of certain credentials in digitized format for use in an electronic wallet; to modify the number of motor vehicle transactions required to designate a public tag agent to interface its computer system; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:707.2(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§707.2. Electronic ~~media~~ system for lien recordation ~~and title information~~; vehicle titling and registration; participation requirements; fees; required bond; confidentiality of information; rules and regulations

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C.(1)

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(2) Each federally insured depository institution that originates more than two hundred fifty motor vehicle transactions per year, and each finance company, lending institution, or other lender shall designate a public tag agent with which such bank, finance company, lending institution, or other lender shall interface its computer system for the purpose of receiving electronic confirmation from the department; of the receipt and the filing of the security interest on the subject motor vehicle. Each federally insured depository institution that originates more than two hundred fifty motor vehicle transactions per year, and each finance company, lending

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institution, or other lender shall also designate such public tag agent when transmitting a release or satisfaction of its lien.

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~~Section 2.~~ R.S. 39:17.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§17.2. Digitized credentials; authorization; implementation; validity

A.(1) Any credential authorized or required by the state may be made available in digitized format on a program which a user can utilize through an electronic wallet.

(2) The commissioner of administration may coordinate with the governing bodies of the professions and occupations listed below to implement the availability of digitized credentials:

(a) The Louisiana State Bar Association for the inclusion of bar membership cards.

(b) The Louisiana High School Athletic Association for the inclusion of a referee credential.

(c) Public and private universities and colleges in Louisiana for the inclusion of faculty, staff, and student credentials.

(d) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, for the inclusion of mobility impaired identification cards.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 999 (Substitute for House Bill No. 174 by Representative Firment)

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.1(C)(1)(a) and (I)(1), relative to motor vehicle liability security; to provide for proof-of-insurance requirements applicable to vehicles registered in jurisdictions outside of the state; to provide for enforcement and impoundment procedures; to provide for uniform due process protections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:863.1(C)(1)(a) and (I)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§863.1. Evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in vehicle; enforcement; penalty; fees

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C.(1)(a) If the operator of a motor vehicle is unable to show compliance with the provisions of this Part by displaying the required document when requested to do so, the motor vehicle shall be impounded and the operator shall be issued a notice of noncompliance with the provisions of this Part on a physical or electronic form provided by the department. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 32:852(E), the notice may be sent by first class mail. A copy of the notice of noncompliance shall be provided to the towing or storage company and a copy shall be forwarded to the office of motor vehicles within three calendar days after the notice of noncompliance was served. The notice of noncompliance shall serve as notice of administrative hearings rights. In addition, the law enforcement officer shall remove the license plate from the vehicle if the vehicle is registered in Louisiana. The law enforcement officer shall deliver the vehicle license plate to the chief of the agency which employs the officer, or to a person in that agency designated to receive confiscated license plates. In those cases in which a motor vehicle is not impounded, a copy of

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the notice of noncompliance shall be attached to the vehicle license plate and both shall be delivered to the nearest office of motor vehicles within three calendar days after the notice of noncompliance was served. The provisions of this Paragraph apply to all motor vehicles operated in this state, including vehicles registered in another state.

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I.(1) ~~Every owner or lessee of a self-propelled motor vehicle registered in another state which is involved in a traffic accident or collision in Louisiana shall provide one of the documents comparable to those listed in Subsection A evidencing that the motor vehicle is covered by a valid policy of automobile insurance. If the operator of the motor vehicle is unable to show such proof, a notice of noncompliance shall be issued.~~ The provisions of this Section, including the requirements for proof of motor vehicle liability security and the enforcement, impoundment, and due process procedures established herein, apply to any motor vehicle registered in another state when operated upon the public highways of this state.

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 489

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BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.2(A)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), (B), (C), (E)(1) and (2), (F)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (6), to enact R.S. 32:863.2(F)(7), relative to third party inquiries on motor vehicle license plates; to authorize third parties to conduct inquiries on motor vehicle license plates; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:863.2(A)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), (B), (C), (E)(1) and (2), (F)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:863.2(F)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§863.2. Notification of the cancellation or issuance of security; penalties; database development

A.(1) All entities providing security in compliance with R.S. 32:861 et seq., hereinafter referred to as "security providers", whether admitted or nonadmitted (surplus line underwriter) insurance companies providing automobile liability policies, or sales representatives or agents of surety companies issuing motor vehicle liability bonds, or the state treasurer holding deposits, shall notify the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** of the effective dates of each liability policy, liability bond, deposit, or other security within fifteen business days from the date that notice of such policy, bond, deposit, or other security was issued by the security provider.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for motor carriers in R.S. 32:900(M), in addition, all such security providers shall notify the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** when any policy, bond, deposit, or other item of security is terminated, withdrawn, canceled, lapsed, or otherwise made ineffective within fifteen business days from the date that notice of the security becoming ineffective was issued by the security provider.

(3) Beginning January 1, 1990, the information required by this Section shall

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be in the form required by the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner**, who may require by regulation such information as the driver's license number of the owner or lessee of the vehicle and of the named insureds, together with the complete vehicle identification number and a description of each vehicle.

(4) The information required by this Section shall be in the form required by the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner**, who may require by regulation such information as the driver's license number of the owner or lessee of the vehicle and of the named insureds, together with the complete vehicle identification number and description of each vehicle.

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(6) If any cancellation of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy occurs as a result of the rescission or other cancellation of the sale of the motor vehicle on which the policy is issued, the insurer shall notify the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** of the cancellation and the circumstances of the cancellation, and the insured shall not be liable for any penalty or fee imposed for failure to maintain the security required by law.

B. When a security provider does not provide the deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections with the information required by this Section within the time limits set forth in this Section, the insurance company, sales representative or agent, state treasurer, or other provider shall pay a late fee of not more than fifty dollars per policy, bond, or deposit, or other security item concerning which information is not supplied. If the security provider has reported this information for a policy, bond, deposit, or other security item for a commercial motor vehicle in an untimely manner, the deputy ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall impose the late fee unless the deputy secretary determines that the security provider made a good faith effort to comply with these requirements but the delay was caused by circumstances outside the security provider's control. All fees collected under this Subsection shall ~~be~~ deposited in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in R.S. 32:853(B)(2).

C. The ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall keep a record of the information

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received from security providers concerning coverage of vehicles and persons by security required by R.S. 32:861, which information may be stored through automated electronic data processing means. After the department has complete vehicle liability security records, upon written request including the driver's license number for each person, the vehicle identification number for each vehicle, and the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars for each vehicle owned by a person about which inquiry is made, the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall forward to the inquiring party such vehicle and driver liability security information as is contained in the records of the department. If the department's search of its records fails to show the existence of any liability insurance or other security as of the date about which inquiry is made, an official of the department will issue a sworn, notarized affidavit to that effect. Such an affidavit shall be prima facie evidence that on the date in question, the person or vehicle about which inquiry was made did not have in effect a policy of liability insurance or other security as required by law. The fee collected pursuant to this Section shall be remitted by the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** to the state treasurer to be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in R.S. 32:853(B)(2).

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E.(1) Prior to taking any administrative action based on the receipt of a notice of cancellation of insurance or other security, the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall notify the person who is the subject of the notice at his last known driver's license address, of cancellation of the receipt of that notice. The notice of receipt of a notice of cancellation shall be in writing. The notice shall inform the subject that he has ten calendar days from the date of the notice in which he may surrender the license plates of the vehicle in order to avoid the fees prescribed by R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a). The person to whom the notice is addressed shall have thirty days to respond to the notice. The response may be made by mail.

(2) If the person to whom the notice is addressed is able to show that the insurance or other security was canceled for a legitimate reason, the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall take no administrative action against that person. Legitimate

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reasons for cancellation of insurance or other security shall include but shall not be limited to the transfer of ownership of the vehicle or the surrender of the license plate of the formerly insured vehicle. If the vehicle is sold within ten calendar days after the date liability security on the vehicle was cancelled or its license plate is surrendered within ten calendar days of the date of notice sent pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, no administrative action shall be taken. The transfer of ownership of the vehicle may be established by presenting to the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** a copy of the title transfer or a copy of the act of sale, donation, exchange, surrender to a salvage yard, or other transaction.

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F.(1) The ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall formulate criteria to develop and initiate a request for proposals to procure and implement a real-time system to quickly and accurately identify and verify the existence of motor vehicle insurance or other security required in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law using advanced telecommunications and computer technology.

(2) The criteria established by the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall be developed only after consulting with an advisory group consisting of the commissioner of insurance or his designee, the superintendent of state police or his designee, the executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission or his designee, and five additional members, one representing the American Insurance Association, one representing the Property Casualty Insurance Association of America, one selected from a list of names submitted by the three insurers with the largest market share of automobile insurance in Louisiana, one from the Louisiana Association of Fire and Casualty Companies, and one from the Louisiana Independent Agents Association.

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(4) The system developed pursuant to this Subsection may initially be implemented by the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** as a six-month pilot program to be developed and implemented statewide upon expiration of the six-month period.

(5)**(a) The commissioner may authorize a third party vendor or designated agent to conduct a motor vehicle registration plate inquiry at the**

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request of law enforcement through the state insurance verification system. The authorization to conduct the plate inquiry shall be solely for the purpose of verifying compliance with motor vehicle liability insurance requirements as needed by law enforcement agencies.

(b) Any violation of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph by a local government entity or law enforcement agency that requested and received authorization from the commissioner shall constitute malfeasance in office pursuant to R.S. 14:134 and may be used as grounds to initiate civil claims pursuant to the Louisiana Governmental Claims Act, R.S. 13:5101 et seq.

(6) The ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall require such information as may be necessary from automobile insurers or their representatives and the state treasurer as is needed to assist the contractor in developing the system as such relates to the cancellation or issuance of motor vehicle liability security or deposit of sufficient security with the state treasurer in order to operate a motor vehicle in this state.

~~(6)~~ **(7)** The ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall promulgate rules and regulations **in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act** to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 969

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:176(B), R.S. 10:9-406(i) and 9-408(f), R.S. 15:574.4.2(C)(1), 705(C)(3)(a) and (D)(3), 874(7), 875(E), and 1223, R.S. 27:94(C), 252(C), 394(C), and 610(A)(3)(c), R.S. 32:865(B)(2), R.S. 36:4(B)(11)(b), R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6)(introductory paragraph) and (b), R.S. 44:4(28), the heading of Chapter 21 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 46:1801, 1802(introductory paragraph), (1) through (4), (5)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), (e), and (f), and (6) through (15), 1803 through 1806, 1807(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 1808, 1809(A), (B), (C), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (2), and (E), 1810, 1811(A), (B), and (C), 1812 through 1815, 1816(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (4), (5), and (8), (C), (D)(1)(b) and (2), and (E)(2), 1817(A) and (B), 1818 through 1822, 1842(introductory paragraph) and (9), 1844(V) and (W)(1)(a), (3), and (5)(a) and (c), 1851, 1852(D), and 1853(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (C), Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.2(D), Children's Code Articles 811.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 811.2(D), to enact R.S. 46:1802(5)(h) and (16) through (20), and to repeal Chapter 21-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1831.1 through 1831.16, relative to compensation for victims of criminal offenses; to change all references of the "Crime Victims Reparations Fund" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Fund", "Crime Victims Reparations Board" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Board", and "reparations" to "compensation"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicable crimes; to provide for duties, powers, and procedures of the board; to provide for applications and eligibility; to provide for award amounts and criteria; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; to provide for duties of the attorney general; to provide for

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penalties; to provide relative to reimbursements; to repeal the Victims of Vehicular Homicide Act; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:176(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§176. Limitation of time for presenting pari-mutuel tickets and disposition of unclaimed monies

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B. The sum held by any licensee for payment of outstanding winning pari-mutuel tickets and for refunding the price of pari-mutuel tickets shall be retained by such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of ninety days after the close of the race meeting conducted by the licensee. One hundred days after the close of any race meeting, the licensee shall each day accumulate the amount equal to the sum of the unclaimed monies that expire that day. On or before the fifteenth day of the first month following the end of a calendar-year quarter, the licensee shall remit less the amount of state tax paid by the licensee on such unclaimed monies, to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime ~~Victims Reparations~~ Victims' Compensation Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8) an amount equal to the accumulated total for the previous calendar-year quarter. Such funds shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with ~~health care~~ healthcare services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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Section 2. R.S. 10:9-406(i) and 9-408(f) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9-406. Discharge of account debtor; notification of assignment; identification and proof of assignment; restrictions on assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, and promissory notes ineffective

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(i) Inapplicability. This Section does not apply to an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable. This Section further does not apply to an assignment of

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exclusively to pay the expenses associated with ~~health care~~ healthcare services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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§610. Payment of winnings; collection and use of funds

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(c) After such time, the operator shall each day accumulate the amount equal to the sum of any unclaimed winnings, less the amount of state tax paid by the licensee on the unclaimed monies that expire that day. On or before the fifteenth day of the first month following the end of a calendar-year quarter, the licensee shall remit to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime ~~Victims Reparations~~ Victims' Compensation Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816 an amount equal to the accumulated total for the previous calendar-year quarter. The funds shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with ~~health care~~ healthcare services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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~~Section 5. R.S. 32:865(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

§865. Criminal sanctions for operating motor vehicle not covered by security

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(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and except as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, any person operating a motor vehicle when that person knows the vehicle is not covered by the security required under R.S. 32:861, and any owner allowing a motor vehicle to be operated which is in any way involved in an accident within this state in which any person is killed or injured or in which

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damage to the property of any one person in excess of five hundred dollars is sustained, when such motor vehicle is not covered by the security required under R.S. 32:861, the owner thereof knows or has been notified by the department of the absence of the required security, and at least thirty days has elapsed after such knowledge has been acquired or notification received by the owner, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one thousand dollars, nor more than ten thousand dollars, shall have the registration of his vehicle revoked for a period of twelve months, shall have his driving privileges suspended for a period of twelve months, and shall be required to perform not less than forty hours nor more than two hundred hours of community service. After deposit in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, an amount equal to all fines collected under the provisions of this Paragraph shall be credited to the Crime ~~Victims Reparations~~ Victims' Compensation Fund, R.S. 46:1816.

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~~Section 6. R.S. 36:4(B)(11)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state government. The governor may allocate within his office the powers, duties, funds, functions, appropriations, responsibilities, and personnel of the agencies within his office and provide for the administration thereof and for the organization of his office. The following agencies and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are hereby transferred to the office of the governor:

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(11) Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (R.S. 15:1201 et seq.). The following agencies are placed under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice:

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seventy-two hours of its occurrence or discovery, unless extenuating circumstances exist for later reporting:

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(7) The appropriate law enforcement agency shall ensure that the victim receives emergency, social, and medical services as soon as possible. The appropriate law enforcement agency shall also distribute to the victim, or to the family of a homicide victim, a crime victim's brochure prepared by the Crime ~~Victims Reparations~~ Victims' Compensation Board ~~as provided in R.S. 46:1844(T),~~ and supplemented as necessary by the district attorney with victim information specific to the parish in which the delinquent act is alleged to have occurred~~, as provided in R.S. 46:1844(A)~~.

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Art. 811.2. Victims of juvenile crime compensation fund; established; disbursements

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D. The clerk of court shall remit one-third of the total sums collected or received pursuant to this Article on a monthly basis to the Crime ~~Victims Reparations~~ Victims' Compensation Fund as provided in ~~R.S. 46:1801 et seq~~ R.S. 46:1816.

Section 12. Chapter 21-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1831.1 through 1831.16, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 848

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1252(1) and (9) and 1254(E)(5)(a) and to enact R.S. 32:1254(E)(5)(c) and 1270.11(2)(k), relative to motor vehicle dealers; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing requirements for motor vehicle and recreational products dealers; to provide for repair facilities for all-terrain vehicle dealers; to provide for unauthorized acts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1252(1) and (9) and 1254(E)(5)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1254(E)(5)(c) and 1270.11(2)(k) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1252. Definitions

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:

(1) "All-terrain vehicle" ~~shall mean~~ means any vehicle manufactured for off-road use and issued a manufacturer's statement or certificate of origin, as required by the commission, that cannot be issued a registration certificate and license to operate on the public roads of this state because, at the time of manufacture, the vehicle does not meet the safety requirements prescribed by R.S. 32:1301 through 1310. This includes vehicles that are issued a title by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, such as golf carts and recreational and sports vehicles, but it ~~shall~~ does not include off-road vehicles used for farm purposes, farm equipment, electric-assisted bicycles, or heavy construction equipment.

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(9) "Dealer" means any person licensed to sell a motor vehicle, specialty vehicle, or recreational product subject to regulation by this Chapter. "Dealer", for purposes of all-terrain vehicles and golf carts, includes any person, business, or entity that sells, offers for sale, or distributes such vehicles at retail, regardless of whether that person or entity is primarily engaged in another line of business.

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§1254. Application for license; requirements for licensure; contents; licenses; franchise filings; exceptions

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E. Additional licensing and compliance requirements for motor vehicle and recreational products dealers.

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(5)(a) The applicant must also furnish satisfactory evidence that the applicant maintains adequate space in the building or structure wherein the applicant's established business is conducted for the display of new motor vehicles or recreational products, together with adequate facilities for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles or recreational products and the storage of new parts and accessories for the repair and servicing. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "adequate facilities for the repair and servicing" means facilities sufficient to reasonably support warranty service, maintenance, and repair obligations associated with the recreational products sold by the dealer.

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(c)(i) A dealer of all-terrain vehicles, including golf carts, shall have adequate facilities for the repair and servicing of all-terrain vehicles and the storage of new parts and accessories for that repair and servicing, which may be satisfied by any of the following:

(aa) Adequate facilities for the repair and servicing of all-terrain vehicles and the storage of new parts and accessories for that repair and servicing located in the building or structure where the applicant's established business is conducted or within one thousand feet of the established place of business.

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(bb) An agreement with a third-party warranty service provider that is equipped and qualified to perform that repair and servicing, located within this state and within a radius of forty miles of the dealer's established place of business. The dealer shall make available to the purchaser applicable warranty information relating to the vehicle.

(cc) An agreement with the manufacturer to provide an opportunity to the consumer to obtain service from a warranty-authorized service provider. The dealer shall make available to the purchaser applicable warranty information relating to the vehicle.

(dd) A manufacturer-authorized service provider.

(ii) Prior to the execution of any sale or financing agreement for an all-terrain vehicle, a dealer of all-terrain vehicles including golf carts shall provide written disclosure to the purchaser if warranty repair and service for that vehicle are to be performed primarily by a remote service facility pursuant to a contractual arrangement with another entity. That purchaser shall acknowledge receipt of the disclosure in writing prior to completion of the sale, and that dealer shall retain a copy of that acknowledgment in its records for three years or until expiration of the warranty, whichever is lesser. That disclosure shall include all of the following information:

(aa) The name and physical address of the remote service and repair facility.

(bb) The approximate distance between the dealership and the remote service and repair facility.

(cc) A statement advising the purchaser that certain warranty repair and services may require transportation of the vehicle to the remote service facility.

(iii) A dealer shall not be liable for any subsequent change in the availability, location, authorization, ownership, or operational status of a manufacturer-authorized service provider or third-party warranty service provider identified in the disclosure required by ~~this~~ Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, if that dealer acted in good faith and supplied accurate information at the time of sale.

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§1270.11. Unauthorized acts

It shall be a violation of this Part:

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(2) For a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealer, used motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealer, or a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle salesman:

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(k) For a dealer of all-terrain vehicles, including golf carts, to fail to maintain repair facilities or otherwise comply with the requirements of R.S. 32:1254(E)(5)(c).

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SENATE BILL NO. 102

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:1253.1, relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission Law; to provide for a private right of action for trade associations; to provide for standing and remedies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1253.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1253.1. Private right of action; association standing

A. A trade association may bring an action or intervene in an action in its own name or on behalf of one or more of its members as provided in Subsection B of this Section, if it meets all of the following conditions:

(1) It is primarily comprised of and controlled by a minimum of one hundred licensed motor vehicle dealers.

(2) A minimum of one of its members holds a valid license under this Chapter and has standing to sue or intervene individually.

(3) The interests the association seeks to protect are germane to its purpose.

(4) Neither the claim asserted nor the relief requested requires the participation of individual members.

B. A trade association prevailing pursuant to this Section may be granted any of the following remedies:

(1) Declaratory relief.

(2) Injunctive relief.

(3) Reasonable costs and attorney fees.

C. An action by a trade association pursuant to this Section may be brought before the commission or in any district court of competent jurisdiction.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 728

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1715(A), (C)(1), (2) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and 1736(A), (C), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 32:1715(D) and (E) and 1736(F) and (G), relative to requirements of out-of-state tow trucks conducting intrastate towing and implementing signage requirements on private properties; to provide for registration and authority requirements; to provide for signage requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1715 (A), (C)(1), (2) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and 1736(A), (C), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1715(D) and (E) and 1736(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1715. Towing of motor vehicles in the state of Louisiana

A. It shall be unlawful for any tow truck or carrier to tow or to carry a vehicle on the highways and roadways of the state of Louisiana without the towing vehicle or carrier having displayed a Louisiana towing license plate and complying with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.

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C. This Section shall not apply to:

(1) Car carriers operating within this state under interstate commerce, that are capable of carrying five or more vehicles, ~~and have Interstate Commerce Commission authority~~ are registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number.

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(2) Tow trucks that are registered in another state ~~with Interstate Commerce Commission authority~~ that are registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number to operate within this state under interstate commerce.

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(4) Tow trucks registered in Louisiana that are owned by an owner of a garage, automotive mechanic shop, or other place where motor vehicles are repaired, are operated by an employee or an owner of such a shop, and are operated solely to transport motor vehicles to such shop for maintenance or repair work, but only when ~~such owners or operators~~ the tow trucks:

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(b) Obtain ~~the~~ a Louisiana license plate as required by this Chapter.

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D. Tow trucks that are registered in another state and require registration within the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number, are prohibited from engaging in intrastate towing operations within the state of Louisiana. Tow trucks operating in intrastate commerce in the state are required to obtain a Louisiana towing license plate.

E. A tow truck operating in interstate commerce in this state shall provide documentation to the office of state police, including but not limited to a bill of lading that proves the carrier's fixed and persistent predetermined intent of interstate commerce transport at the time of dispatch prior to entry into the state. The documentation shall include the following:

(1) The vehicle identification number of all vehicles being transported.

(2) The address of the consignor and consignee.

(3) The original location and destination of the vehicles being transported.

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§1736. Towing of motor vehicles from private property; definitions; billing invoices; uniform fees; penalties

A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the ~~meaning indicated unless the context clearly indicates otherwise~~ following meanings:

(1) "Approved TRU signage" shall mean signage approved by the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery Unit that meets the specifications set forth by the unit.

~~(1)~~ (2) "Authorized representative" shall mean an individual that a property owner has delegated or inferred managerial responsibilities to regarding a particular property or premise. An authorized representative shall not be a tow truck owner or operator.

~~(2)~~ (4) "Parking space" shall mean the designated location in a parking area for the parking of a single vehicle.

~~(3)~~ (3) "Parking areas" shall mean areas used by the public as a means of access to and egress from, and for the parking of motor vehicles by patrons of a shopping center, business, factory, hospital, or institution. "Parking areas" shall also include housing and apartment complexes, private or public institutions of learning, and other similar locations.

~~(4)~~ (5) "Tagged for removal" shall mean the placement of a highly visible sticker or other similar tag, which contains the date, time, name of the tow company authorized to remove the vehicle, and the printed name and signature of the property owner or his authorized representative, in a conspicuous place on the motor vehicle by the property owner or his authorized representative. Such stickers or tags shall be clearly visible to drivers of passing vehicles and shall not damage, harm, or otherwise alter the appearance of the motor vehicle.

(6) "TRU" shall mean the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery Unit.

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C. The TRU shall promulgate rules related to the marking of parking spaces and areas, including the use of signs or other markings.

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~~C.~~ D.(1) Property owners who tow unauthorized vehicles from their property or parking areas shall place approved TRU signage in clearly visible locations at the entrances and exits to such property warning motorists that unauthorized vehicles may be towed. If the property has specific reserved or further restricted parking areas or parking spaces where vehicles are subject to be towed, the specific parking area or parking space that a vehicle is subject to be towed from must also be clearly marked warning the motorist their vehicle may be towed. Such warning shall include signage in each designated parking area or the marking of the individual parking spaces in these specific parking areas. A property owner or his authorized representative who enters into contracts or agreements with a tow truck company to engage in tow-related services and activities shall place signage in clearly visible locations at the entrances and exits to such property or parking areas warning motorists that unauthorized vehicles may be towed. ~~The signage shall include the name, address, and phone number of the towing company in lettering no less than two inches in height.~~

(2) Tow truck company owners and drivers shall ensure that the property, parking areas, and spaces are clearly marked in accordance with this Section prior to the removal of any vehicle. Additionally, a copy of the written contract or agreement entered into between the property owner or his authorized representative and the tow truck company shall be maintained at the business office of the property owner and the business office of the tow truck company and in the tow truck.

(3) The written contract or agreement shall define the parking rules and reasons for towing. The written contract or agreement shall be dated and signed by all parties and include telephone contact numbers for the property owner or their authorized agent and the tow truck company owner, or their authorized agent. The written contract or agreements shall indicate the starting date of the towing service, and the specific date of termination of such agreement. The written contracts or agreements shall expire annually at 11:59 a.m. on June thirteenth of each year. The contracts or agreements shall include specific causes that would constitute a nonconsensual tow from the property. The contracts or agreements are

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nontransferable and all contractual agreements shall be with the current owner or the current owner's designee.

(4) Property owners meeting the requirements of this Subsection shall not be required to tag a motor vehicle for removal or sign the billing invoice prior to towing.

~~D.~~ E. All fees charged by a tow truck operator for the nonconsensual towing of a vehicle from private property or parking areas shall be uniform and shall be set in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. If the tow truck operator charges any fee in excess of the uniform fee, the owner of the motor vehicle shall have a right and cause of action to recover the amount of the excess fee, storage costs, if applicable, reasonable attorney fees, and all court costs. The provisions of this Section shall be enforced by all state and local law enforcement officers and duly appointed officers of the Louisiana Public Service Commission. Tow truck operators shall make billing invoices available for inspection upon request by any law enforcement officer or duly appointed officer of the Louisiana Public Service Commission and shall provide such officers with a copy of any billing invoice, any contract for services, or the name, address, and phone number of any property owner or authorized representative.

~~E.~~ F.(1) ~~Any~~ A tow truck operator, owner, or company representative ~~who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, who fails to provide a billing invoice which contains the information required by this Section to the redeemer of the motor vehicle, or who tows a vehicle in violation of this Section~~ shall be in violation of the provisions of R.S. 14:68.4 and shall be subject to any applicable penalty prescribed by law, including but not limited to the revocation of the towing license~~.~~, storage license, or both, if he does any of the following:

(a) Fails to comply with the provisions of this Section.

(b) Fails to provide to the redeemer of the motor vehicle a billing invoice which contains the information required by this Section.

(c) Tows a vehicle in violation of this Section.

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(2) Lack of knowledge of the conduct of a tow truck company employee shall not be a defense for the tow truck company owner.

G. The office of state police, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, may adopt all rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this Chapter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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SENATE BILL NO. 431

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1734(F) and to enact R.S. 32:1734(G) through (I), relative to towing and storage company hours; to provide for requirements for towing and storage companies; to provide for business hours relative to towing and storage of vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:1734(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1734(G) through (I) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1734. Gate fees; other fees; excessive charges; prohibitions; cause of action

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F. **For purposes of this Section, any towing or storage company conducting nonconsensual towing operations from private property shall make themselves available for the release of personal property or the vehicle, outside normal business hours, exclusive of legal holidays and certain exempted hours.**

G. For purposes of this Section, any towing or storage company conducting nonconsensual towing operations from private property that is unavailable to the public for the timely release of personal property or the vehicle shall not charge the requester a storage fee the day of the facility closure or unavailability, exclusive of legal holidays and certain exempted hours, suspending future storage fees until the next day of normal business hours.

H. The office of state police may adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to establishing the exempted hours.

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I. The administrative and mailing fees for filing the Official Report of Stored Vehicles for in-state and out-of-state notifications shall be determined by the Public Service Commission.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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