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## DIGEST

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HB 403 Original

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Turner

**Abstract:** Increases fines for driving offenses and dedicates the revenues collected to the Louisiana Emergency Network Response Fund.

Present law provides for the crime of operating a motor vehicle while impaired and imposes penalties for violations. The fines imposed upon the conviction of the various offenses are as follows:

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| (1) First Offense                | Not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 |
| (2) Second Offense               | Not less than \$750 nor more than \$1,000 |
| (3) Third Offense                | \$2,000                                   |
| (4) Fourth or Subsequent Offense | \$5,000                                   |

Proposed law adds the following additional fines upon conviction for each offense:

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| (1) First Offense                | \$25  |
| (2) Second Offense               | \$50  |
| (3) Third Offense                | \$100 |
| (4) Fourth or Subsequent Offense | \$250 |

Present law provides for the crime of reckless operation of a vehicle and imposes penalties for violations. The fine for a first offense conviction is not more than \$200. The fine imposed upon the conviction of the second or subsequent offenses is not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

Proposed law adds the following additional fines upon conviction for each offense:

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| (1) First Offense                | \$5  |
| (2) Second or Subsequent Offense | \$10 |

Present law provides for the crime of reckless operation of an off-road vehicle and imposes penalties

for violations. The fine for a conviction is not more than \$500.

Proposed law adds an additional fine upon conviction of \$5.

Proposed law instructs the clerk of court to collect each of the additional fines imposed and forward to the state treasurer for deposit into the Louisiana Response Network Fund.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund. Monies in the fund are used to fund grants, projects, and services to support the board of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network. The board's objectives are to decrease trauma, stroke, and STEMI-related deaths. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S.14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F))