
DIGEST

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HB 260 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes legislators to accept reasonable transportation to a foreign country if organized for trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes and sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

Present law authorizes public servants to accept complimentary reasonable transportation or reimbursement of reasonable transportation in certain circumstances. Further requires the public servant to make certain disclosures regarding accepted transportation including the amount expended on his behalf for such transportation.

For purposes of legislators, present law provides that "reasonable transportation" when organized primarily for *educational or for informational* purposes, including on-site inspections, shall include transportation to any state, territory, or commonwealth of the U.S., to the territorial waters of La., and to any offshore structure located on the outer continental shelf seaward of such territorial waters and offshore of Louisiana.

Present law further provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *making a public speech*, reasonable transportation includes transportation from his home, or the capitol, to and from the site of the speaking engagement from the sponsoring group or organization, provided the public speech is given in any state of the U.S. or any country in North America.

Present law further provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *entertainment purposes incidental to food, drink, or refreshments*, reasonable transportation shall include transportation to any point within this state that is within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the legislator's district, or within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the parish wherein the state capitol is located.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that for legislators, if organized primarily for *trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes*, reasonable transportation shall include transportation to a foreign country if sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

Proposed law further provides, however, that a legislator may not accept reasonable transportation as provided by proposed law if sponsored by a government or non-government person identified as a foreign adversary in federal regulations (15 CFR 791.4).

(Adds R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Prohibit accepting transportation to a foreign country if sponsored by a foreign adversary.