

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR CLOUD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to oversight of commercial vehicle parking. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and  
3 400.7(B), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development and the  
4 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; to provide for  
5 vehicles on state highway shoulders; to provide for proper agency oversight; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and  
9 400.7(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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

15 \* \* \*

16 §400.2. Controlling authority; compliance

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systems. Proposed law provides DOTD and Department of Public Safety have jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems.

Present law provides a written statement must be presented before using a driverless, autonomous, commercial vehicle certifying the vehicle meets DOTD requirements. Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Present law provides before operating a driverless commercial motor vehicle with a teleoperation system, a written statement must be submitted by the vehicle's owner, a remote driver or the remote drivers employer certifying the vehicle meets certain requirements. Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:296(A)(intro para), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Establishes DOTD as the lead agency.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes distinction for leaving vehicles on highway shoulders.
2. Removes lead agency with jurisdiction over autonomous vehicles.