

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 379

BY SENATOR MARTINY

TRAFFIC. Requires oncoming traffic on a two lane road with a continuous left turn lane to stop for school buses. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:80(C), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to

3 overtaking and passing a school bus; to require a driver on a highway with a

4 dedicated left-turn lane to stop for a school bus; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:80(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §80. Overtaking and passing school buses

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9 C. (1)The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need

10 not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or

11 when upon a controlled access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading

12 zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not

13 permitted to cross the roadway.

14 (2) A highway with one lane in each direction and with a dedicated two-

15 way left-turn lane shall not be considered a divided highway with separate

16 roadways for purposes of this Section.

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The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Leonore F. Heavey.

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DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 32:80(A)(1)) requires the driver of a vehicle upon a highway meeting or overtaking from any direction any school bus that has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children to stop the vehicle not less than thirty feet from the school bus before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on said school bus visual signals as required by R.S. 32:318, and provides that said driver shall not proceed until such bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated.

Present law (R.S. 32:80(C)) provides that the driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway.

Proposed law specifies that a highway with one lane in each direction and with a dedicated two-way left-turn lane is not a divided highway with separate roadways for purposes of present law and requires the driver of a vehicle upon any highway with one lane in each direction and a dedicated two-way left-turn lane to stop upon meeting or passing a school bus as provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 32:80(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Limits the highways that are not considered divided highways to highways with one lane in each direction and with a dedicated two-way left-turn.