

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 682 (Substitute for House Bill No. 465 by Representative Steve Carter)

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRAFFIC: Establishes lane use requirements for certain motor vehicles on elevated interstate highways

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:71(B)(3), relative to lane usage on interstate highways; to require that  
3 certain vehicles drive in the right hand lane on interstate highways that are  
4 continuously elevated for a length of more than five miles; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:71(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §71. Driving on right side of road; exceptions

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10 B.

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12 (3) In addition to the requirements of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this  
13 Subsection, any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, or any combination of  
14 these vehicles traveling in this state on any portion of an interstate highway that is  
15 continuously elevated for a length of more than five miles shall be driven in the right  
16 hand lane that is available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right hand curb  
17 or edge of the roadway, except when preparing to exit the interstate using a left lane  
18 exit and signs are erected giving notice thereof.

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

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, or any combination of these vehicles to travel in the right hand lane on certain interstate highways.

Proposed law requires any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, or any combination of these vehicles to travel on an interstate highway that is continuously elevated for a length of more than five miles in the right hand lane or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of roadway, except when preparing to exit the interstate using a signed left exit.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:71(B)(3))