

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 432

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TRAFFIC: Establishes lane use requirements for certain motor vehicles on 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 certain interstate highways during
4 specific times of the day; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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13 B.

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15 (3)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any school bus,
16 truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles traveling on
17 any portion of an interstate highway in East Baton Rouge Parish shall be driven in
18 the far right-hand lane then available for traffic during afternoon peak traffic hours,

1 except when preparing to exit the interstate using a left lane exit or directed
2 otherwise.

3 (b) For purposes of this Subsection, "afternoon peak traffic hours" shall
4 mean between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
5 exclusive of legal state holidays.

6 (c) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply
7 during a declared state of emergency when contraflow has been activated.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles to travel in the right-hand lane on interstate highways in East Baton Rouge Parish during afternoon peak traffic hours.

Proposed law requires any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles traveling on any portion of an interstate highway in East Baton Rouge Parish to be driven in the far right-hand lane available for traffic during afternoon peak traffic hours, except when preparing to exit the interstate using a left lane exit or directed otherwise.

Proposed law defines "afternoon peak traffic hours" as Monday through Friday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., exclusive of legal state holidays.

Proposed law suspends the application of proposed law during a declared state of emergency when contraflow has been activated.

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