

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) The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply on the following interstate
4 highways in East Baton Rouge Parish:

5 (i) Interstate Highway 10 from mile marker 154.418 to mile marker 168.870.

6 (ii) Interstate Highway 12 from mile marker 0 to mile marker 8.415.

7 (iii) Interstate Highway 110 from mile marker 0 to mile marker 9.056.

8 (c) For purposes of this Paragraph, "afternoon peak traffic hours" shall mean
9 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of
10 legal state holidays.

11 (d) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply
12 during a declared state of emergency when contraflow has been activated.

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14 Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Development or its contractors are
15 hereby directed to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting the lane use
16 requirements provided for in this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any school bus, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles to travel in the far 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 specifies that the provisions of proposed law will apply on Interstate Highway 10 from mile marker 154.418 to mile marker 168.870, Interstate Highway 12 from mile marker 0 to mile marker 8.415, and Interstate Highway 110 from mile marker 0 to mile marker 9.056.

Proposed law defines "afternoon peak traffic hours" as Monday through Friday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 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.

Proposed law directs the Dept. of Transportation and Development to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting the lane use requirements.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Identify the portions of highway to which the lane use requirement will apply by mile marker.
2. Modify the term "afternoon peak traffic hours" to mean between the hours of 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal state holidays.
3. Direct the Dept. of Transportation and Development to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting the lane use requirements.
4. Make technical changes.