

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:57(J) and 239, relative to the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act; to  
3 provide relative to traffic regulations; to provide relative to speed limits; to provide  
4 relative to driving on the right side, overtaking, and passing; to provide for signs; to  
5 provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:57(J) and 239 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §57. Penalties; alternatives to citation

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10 **J. If a person operating a motor vehicle violates the provisions of this**  
11 **Chapter while on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge, the fine shall be five times the**  
12 **standard fine imposed.**

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14 **§239. Atchafalaya Basin Bridge; signs**

15 **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department**  
16 **of Transportation and Development is hereby directed to place signs on the**  
17 **Atchafalaya Basin Bridge as follows:**

1                    **(1) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound**  
2                    **portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.**

3                    **(2) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the westbound**  
4                    **portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.**

5                    **(3) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the**  
6                    **eastbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.**

7                    **(4) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the**  
8                    **westbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides relative to the La. Highway Regulatory Act, which includes provisions relating to speed limits and driving on the right side of the road, overtaking, and passing.

Present law provides for penalties for a violation of the La. Highway Regulatory Act with the first offense being a fine of not more than \$175 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, unless otherwise provided by law. A subsequent violation will result in a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if a person operating a motor vehicle violates the provisions of present law while on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge, the fine shall be five times the standard fine imposed.

Present law requires the Department of Transportation and Development (department) to place directional and traffic signs as required by law.

Proposed law requires the department to place signs on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge as follows:

- (1) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.
- (2) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the westbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.
- (3) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the eastbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.
- (4) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the westbound portion of the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 32:57(J) and 239)