

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 379

2023 Regular Session

McKnight

June 7, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 379 by Representative McKnight, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. The Senate Floor Amendment Nos.1 and 2 (#2207) be rejected.
- 2. The Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 proposed by the Committee on Judiciary A (#1798) be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

One page 1, line 4, after "other" and before "parades" delete "ethnic"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"§2796. Limitation of liability for loss connected with Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, and other parades and festivities; ~~fair and festival~~ parades associated with fairs and festivals"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, after "other" and before "parade" delete "ethnic"

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Barrow Peacock

Representative Gregory A. Miller

Senator Jeremy Stine

Representative Barry Ivey

Senator W. Jay Luneau

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides relative to liability associated with parades

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Specified that loss sustained is limited to the duration of the parade.
2. Deleted festivities, fairs, and festivals.
3. Deleted ethnic parades.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change the section heading for R.S. 9:2796.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 9:2796(A)) provides a limitation of liability for Mardi Gras krewes and organizations and traditional Courir de Mardi Gras, or any member thereof, and nonprofit organizations which sponsor fairs or festivals that present parades or courirs for any loss or damage caused by any member thereof in conjunction with the parade or courir unless the loss or damage was caused by the deliberate and wanton act or gross negligence of the krewe or organization or member thereof.

Proposed law retains present law and adds provisions of present law (R.S. 9:2796.1) relative to St. Patrick's Day parades to proposed law (R.S. 9:2796(C)).

Present law (R.S. 9:2796.1) provides that no person shall have a cause of action against any organization which presents St. Patrick's Day parades or other street parades connected with any ethnic celebration.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Adds R.S. 9:2796(C); Repeals R.S. 9:2796.1)