

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 44

BY SENATORS MCMATH AND OWEN

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 11 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial Crossing". (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of U.S. Route 11 Maestri  
3 Bridge in St. Tammany Parish as the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial  
4 Crossing"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for  
5 restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 **Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the**  
9 **northern bascule of U.S. Route 11 Maestri Bridge in St. Tammany Parish, which**  
10 **connects Slidell and New Orleans across Lake Pontchartrain, is hereby designated as**  
11 **the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial Crossing".**

12 **Section 2. (A) The Department of Transportation and Development is hereby**  
13 **directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs of this designation provided local or**  
14 **private monies are received by the department equal to the department's actual costs**  
15 **for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of each sign, not to exceed**  
16 **the sum of five hundred fifty dollars per sign.**

17 **(B) The signage provided for by this Act shall be placed on the bridge**

1            **near the approach to the northern bascule span service building and, to the**  
2            **extent that sufficient additional local or private monies are received, shall be**  
3            **placed on the sides of the northern bascule pier opposite the service building for**  
4            **visibility to crossing watercraft.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

DIGEST

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Designates a portion of U.S. Route 11 in St. Tammany Parish, as the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial Crossing".

Directs DOTD to erect and maintain appropriate signs of this designation provided certain cost restrictions are satisfied.

Effective August 1, 2024.