

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 97

2024 Regular Session

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CRIME: Provides relative to the crime of solicitation on certain highways and streets.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the crime of solicitation on an interstate highway is the intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling or otherwise requesting anything of value on any interstate highway or on any entrance or exit ramp of an interstate highway.

Proposed law prohibits offering anything of value as an alternative element of this present law crime. Further prohibits the commission of this offense on any public right-of-way.

Proposed law provides for a definition of "anything of value".

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds that the safety and welfare of both motorists and pedestrians within La. may all be well served by implementation of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 14:97.1(A); adds R.S. 14:97.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the engrossed bill

1. Provide legislative intent.
2. Broaden the location where the crime of solicitation or offering can take place to include public rights-of-way.
3. Provide for certain exemptions.