

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the reduction of distracted driving, the implementation of driver refresher courses, and the improvement of driver understanding and navigation of modern traffic control designs.

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a growing concern that significantly contributes to traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities on Louisiana roadways; and

WHEREAS, distractions such as mobile phone use, in-vehicle technologies, eating, and other non-driving activities compromise the attention and reaction time of drivers; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and national traffic safety agencies, distracted driving continues to be a leading factor in preventable motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, driver education and refresher courses may enhance public awareness and improve defensive driving skills, particularly in light of evolving technology and traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS, the use of modern traffic control designs, such as traffic circles or roundabouts, has increased across the state as a means of improving traffic flow and safety; and

WHEREAS, many drivers remain unfamiliar or uncomfortable with how to properly navigate traffic circles, leading to confusion, inefficiency, and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission possesses the expertise, experience, and resources necessary to evaluate current traffic safety issues and propose strategies to enhance driver education and accountability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on distracted driving, implementing driver refresher courses, including the need for additional driver education on navigating modern traffic control designs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include an analysis of the primary causes and frequency of distracted driving incidents and recommendations regarding the design and implementation of voluntary or mandatory driver refresher courses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, as required by R.S. 24:771 no later than sixty days prior to the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE