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HOUSE BILL NO. 606

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

HIGHWAYS: Modifies regulations pertaining to personal delivery devices

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C), relative to personal delivery devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for responsibilities and rights of a personal delivery device; to provide for operation in pedestrian and nonpedestrian areas; to remove the requirement for the display of lights at night; to remove provision for crossing certain roadways; to provide for regulation by local governments; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§210. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this Subpart:

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(3) "Nonpedestrian area" shall consist of any bicycle lane, shoulder, or side of a divided highway, highway, roadway, or street where the posted speed limit is ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five miles per hour or less.

(4) "Pedestrian area" means a sidewalk, crosswalk, school crosswalk, school crossing zone, ~~or~~ safety zone, parking lot, or any similar area.

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(5) "Personal delivery device" means a powered device that travels at the speed of twenty miles per hour or less, is less than five hundred pounds, excluding cargo, is manufactured for transporting cargo and goods in a pedestrian area, nonpedestrian area, or supplementary areas, and is equipped with automated driving technology, including software and hardware, that enables the operation of the device with the remote support and supervision of a human being.

§210.1. Applicable law

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C. A personal delivery device shall have the same legal rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian or bicyclist in the same circumstances, except for those duties that, by their nature cannot apply to a personal delivery device, or those that would unreasonably burden the operation of the personal delivery device.

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§210.3. Device operation

~~A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart shall:~~ A business entity may operate a personal delivery device in any pedestrian or nonpedestrian area of the state, provided the device:

~~(1) Operate in a manner that complies with any provision under this Chapter that is applicable to pedestrians, unless the provision cannot apply to the device.~~

~~(2)~~ (1) ~~Yield~~ Yields to or does not obstruct the right-of-way to all other lawful traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

~~(3)~~ (2) ~~Not~~ Does not unreasonably interfere with other traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

~~(4) Display the lights required by R.S. 32:301 et seq., if the personal delivery device is operated at night.~~

~~(5)~~ (3) ~~Comply~~ Complies with any applicable regulations adopted by local authority, provided those regulations are not inconsistent with this Subpart.

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~~(6)~~ (4) ~~Not~~ Does not transport hazardous materials regulated under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103 and required to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.

~~(7)~~ (5) ~~Be~~ Is monitored or controlled by an agent of the business entity meeting the requirements of R.S. 32:210.2(A).

§210.4. Areas of Operation

A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart may be operated either:

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(2) At a speed not to exceed twenty miles per hour in a nonpedestrian area~~, provided that the personal delivery device shall not cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection~~.

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§210.6. Local authority regulation

A.(1) Personal delivery devices may be ~~prohibited~~ regulated by local resolutions or ordinances if the local government determines that the ~~prohibition~~ regulation is in the interest of public safety and is not inconsistent with this Subpart.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for definitions, operations, and regulations for personal delivery devices.

Present law defines "agent", "business", "nonpedestrian area", "pedestrian area", and "personal delivery device" as used in present law.

Proposed law clarifies definitions for "nonpedestrian area", "pedestrian area", and "personal delivery device".

Present law specifies that the operation of a personal delivery device is governed by present law and Federal Aviation Admin. airport regulations.

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Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that operations of a personal delivery device is treated the same as a pedestrian or bicyclist.

Present law provides specifications for operation of the devices relative to traffic and compliance with regulations.

Proposed law retains the specifications of present law but adds provisions for operation within a pedestrian or nonpedestrian area.

Present law allows for local prohibitions of personal delivery devices in the interest of public safety.

Proposed law changes the provision from a prohibition against to the regulation of personal delivery devices in the interest of public safety provided the regulations are not inconsistent with present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1); Adds R.S. 32:210(intro. para.) and 210.1(C))

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