

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

CIVIL/DONATIONS: Provides relative to acts of donation of motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 1543, relative to manual gifts; to provide relative  
3 to the donation of motor vehicles; to limit the persons and entities eligible to receive  
4 donations of motor vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Civil Code Article 1543 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 Art. 1543. Manual gift

9 A. ~~The~~ Except for the donation of a motor vehicle, the donation inter vivos  
10 of a corporeal movable may also be made by delivery of the thing to the donee  
11 without any other formality.

12 B. The donation inter vivos of a motor vehicle shall be made only to the  
13 following:

14 (1) Ascendants, descendants, or collaterals of the donor.

15 (2) Charitable organizations.

16 (3) Post-secondary institutions of higher education.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 254 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Limits who can be a donee of a donated motor vehicle.

Present law authorizes the donation inter vivos of a corporeal movable to be made to any donee by delivery of the thing without any other formality.

Proposed law modifies present law to provide that the donation inter vivos of a motor vehicle shall only be available to the following:

- (1) Ascendants, descendants, and collaterals of the donor.
- (2) Charitable organizations.
- (3) Post-secondary institutions of higher education.

(Amends C.C. Art. 1543)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Expand the exceptions in proposed law of who can receive a donated motor vehicle to include post-secondary institutions of higher education.