
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 415 by Representative Ortego

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, change "32:235(A)(3)" to "32:235(A)(3) and (4)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "that" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 6 and 7 in their
5 entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

6 "permits parish governing authorities to request bilingual guide signs on
7 certain roads; to provide guidelines for the supplement to be adopted by the
8 Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for additional authority
9 for the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; and to provide for
10 related matters."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete lines 14 and 15 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

13 "(7) To approve or provide Louisiana French terms to be placed on bilingual
14 guide signs to be installed by the Department of Transportation and Development on
15 state and federal highways."

16 AMENDMENT NO. 4

17 On page 1, at the beginning of line 18, change "32:235(A)(3) is" to "32:235(A)(3) and (4)
18 are"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 5

20 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 25 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

21 "permits parish governing authorities to request that specific guide signs
22 along state and federal highways within their boundaries be bilingual and display
23 terms in both English and the language requested by the parish governing authority.
24 The supplement shall provide guidelines for uniform bilingual guide signs that are
25 installed on federal and state highways throughout the state. In developing the
26 supplement, the department shall coordinate with the Council for the Development
27 of French in Louisiana, R.S. 25:651 et. seq.

28 (2) The supplement shall provide a process by which a parish governing
29 authority may make a request for bilingual guide signs. The process shall, at
30 minimum, include the following:

31 (a) The parish governing authority shall identify the guide signs along the
32 state and federal highways within its boundaries which it wants to be bilingual.

33 (b) The parish governing authority shall identify the language to be used on
34 bilingual guide signs within its boundaries.

35 (c) The parish governing authority shall submit the non-English terms and
36 spelling thereof to be used on each bilingual guide sign within its boundaries. The
37 non-English terms and spelling thereof shall be subject to the approval of the
38 department, unless the submitted non-English terms are Louisiana French.
39 Submissions of Louisiana French terms shall be approved by the Council for the
40 Development of French in Louisiana, R.S. 25:651 et. seq. If the Council for the

1 Development of French in Louisiana does not approve the Louisiana French terms
2 submitted, it shall provide alternative Louisiana French terms to be use on bilingual
3 guide signs.

4 (d) The department shall bear the cost of the production and installation if a
5 guide sign that the parish governing authority requests to be bilingual is set for
6 replacement or installation in the fiscal year that the request is made. However, the
7 parish governing authority shall bear any increased cost in production or installation,
8 or both, caused by the placement of the bilingual terms on the guide sign.

9 (e) The parish governing authority shall bear the entire cost of the production
10 and installation if a guide sign that the parish governing authority requests to be
11 bilingual is not set for replacement or installation in the fiscal year that the request
12 is made."

13 (3) Furthermore, the department is authorized to deviate from said system and
14 to erect advisory signs only to post advisory weight limits on state bridges where a
15 state bridge is scheduled for replacement or strengthening within three years from
16 the date of approval by the chief engineer of the department's weight rating
17 evaluation of any state bridge. In addition, the department may deviate from the
18 criteria contained in said system for location of traffic signals to the extent that
19 additional weighted consideration shall be given to pedestrian and vehicular traffic
20 volumes associated with schools which are located on state highways.

21 (4) The department shall require that any signage on public highways which
22 indicates maximum or minimum speed limits in kilometers also indicate such speed
23 limits in miles per hour.

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25 AMENDMENT NO. 6

26 On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 in their entirety and on page 3, delete lines 1 through
27 6 in their entirety