

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 910

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

ENVIRONMENT/LITTERING: Creates a fine for the discharge of cigarette butts from a vehicle

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:2531.2, relative to the penalties for littering; to prohibit the disposal of  
3 cigarette butts from vehicles; to provide a fine for discharging cigarette butts from  
4 a motor vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2531.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2531.2. Littering of cigarette butts prohibited; penalties

8 A. No person shall intentionally dispose or permit the disposal of a cigarette  
9 butt from a vehicle upon any public place in the state, private property in this state  
10 not owned by him, property located in rural areas in this state not owned by him, or  
11 in or on the waters of this state, including but not limited to any public highway,  
12 public right-of-way, public park, beach, campground, forestland, recreational area,  
13 trailer park, highway, road, street, or alley.

14 B. Any person alleged to have violated this Section shall be issued a citation  
15 or summons or otherwise be notified in writing that he must appear in court at a time  
16 and place to be specified in such citation or summons.

17 C. A person may be found to be in violation of this Section and fined  
18 pursuant to this Section although the commission of the offense did not occur in the  
19 presence of a law enforcement officer if the evidence presented to the court  
20 establishes that the defendant committed the offense.

1            D.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined three  
2            hundred dollars and be required to perform eight hours of community service in a  
3            litter abatement work program.

4            (2) For purposes of this Section, each occurrence shall constitute a separate  
5            violation.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a penalty for discharging cigarette butts from a vehicle.

Proposed law prohibits any person from disposing or allowing the disposal of a cigarette butt from a vehicle upon any public place, any private property not owned by him, any rural property not owned by him, or any waters of the state.

Proposed law provides that any person alleged to have violated proposed law shall be issued a citation or summons or otherwise notified in writing that he must appear at a hearing at a time and place to be specified in such citation or summons.

Proposed law provides that a person may still be found in violation of proposed law even if the violation did not occur in front of a law enforcement officer, if the evidence presented in court establishes the defendant committed the offense.

Proposed law requires that any person violating proposed law be fined \$300 and be required to perform 8 hours of community service.

Proposed law provides that each occurrence constitutes a separate violation.

(Adds R.S. 30:2531.2)