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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 279

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to study motor vehicle headlamps.

WHEREAS, with the advancements in technology, aftermarket headlamps are becoming increasingly brighter; and

WHEREAS, individuals are now equipping their vehicles with aftermarket headlamps above and below their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the nontraditional positioning of the headlamps can distract or temporarily blind oncoming traffic thereby causing accidents; and

WHEREAS, these aftermarket headlamps are especially harmful to oncoming drivers with vision problems as the issues created by the brightness and positioning of the headlamps are increased due to the driver's vision problems; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:303 provides the requirements for headlamps on motor vehicles, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 571.108 established the federal standard for motor vehicle headlamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, it would be extremely beneficial to citizens of the state of Louisiana and anyone who traverses the roadways located within this state if motor vehicle headlamps were in compliance with R.S. 32:303 and 49 CFR Part 571.108.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to study motor vehicle headlamps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall submit a report, that includes the latest advancements in headlamp technology, whether those advancements are in accordance with

federal and state law, and whether aftermarket headlamps and their positioning are in accordance with federal and state law, along with recommendations for possible inspection requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department's report shall detail the results of the study along with recommendations to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES