

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE SYMBOL: Provides relative to the state motto

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:153(A) and to enact R.S. 49:151.1, relative to the state motto;
3 to provide for the state motto; to provide relative to applicability to existing displays
4 of the current state motto; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:153(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:151.1 is
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §151.1. State motto

9 A. There shall be a state motto to read as follows: "We Live And Die For
10 Those We Love".

11 B. No state agency shall discard, alter, or otherwise dispose of flags,
12 stationery, or any other device or item that depicts the state motto to accomplish the
13 purposes of this Section, but shall take the appropriate actions to implement the new
14 depiction of the state motto.

15 §153. State flag; when to be displayed

16 A. The official flag of Louisiana shall be that flag now in general
17 use, consisting of a solid blue field with the coat-of-arms of the state, the
18 pelican tearing its breast to feed its young, in white in the center, with a
19 ribbon beneath, also in white, containing in blue the motto of the state;
20 ~~"Union, Justice and Confidence", the whole showing as below.~~ The design

1 of the flag depicting the pelican tearing at its breast to feed its young shall
2 include an appropriate display of three drops of blood.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the motto of the state from "Union, Justice and Confidence" to "We Live And Die For Those We Love".

Present law provides that the motto of the state is "Union, Justice and Confidence".

Proposed law changes the motto of the state to "We Live And Die For Those We Love".

Proposed law provides that existing displays of the previous state motto, "Union, Justice, and Confidence" shall not be affected by the change to the new state motto, "We Live And Die For Those We Love".

(Amends R.S. 49:153(A); Adds R.S. 49:151.1)