

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review all Louisiana laws relative to motor vehicle accidents to see whether the creation of the crime of infliction of serious injury or death on a road user is necessary.

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were five thousand nine hundred seventy-seven pedestrians who were killed in traffic crashes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians account for seventeen percent of traffic crash fatalities; and

WHEREAS, there are one hundred thirteen thousand six hundred sixty-four registered motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is ranked thirteenth in motorcycle fatalities with eighty-seven fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana in 2019, one hundred twenty-two pedestrians were killed while twenty-two bicyclists were struck and killed; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the citizens of Louisiana paid over eight billion dollars for crashes, the equivalent to each licensed driver paying about two thousand nine hundred five dollars; and

WHEREAS, on average a fatal motorcycle accident costs approximately one million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the average cost for a non-fatal pedestrian accident is approximately four thousand four hundred sixty dollars for minor injuries while an accident with more serious injuries can cost approximately seven hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred fifty-seven dollars; and

WHEREAS, the costs for fatal pedestrian accidents are approximately three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the driver may only pay a minor fine of one hundred eighty dollars; and

WHEREAS, the only severe legal consequences occur when the driver has fled the scene or is intoxicated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review all Louisiana laws relative to motor vehicle accidents to determine whether the creation of the crime of infliction of serious injury or death on a road user is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and that the Louisiana State Law Institute report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before January 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE