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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the designation of highway safety corridors by the Department of Transportation and Development, provides for definitions, and removes references to electronic enforcement.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD), the superintendent of the La. State Police (LSP), and the executive director of the La. Hwy. Safety Commission to establish a highway safety corridor program for critical infrastructure consisting of a portion of highways in the state highway system and interstate highway system that may be designated by the secretary of the DOTD as highway safety corridors to address highway safety problems through law enforcement, education, and safety enhancements.

Proposed law defines "highway safety corridor" as a special segment of a highway that has been identified by data analysts, and approved by a majority vote of the Safety Corridor Advisory Group, to be a high collision zone, especially for severe injuries and fatal collisions. Specifies that the primary cause of these crashes is driver behavior such as speeding, aggressive driving impairment, and distracted driving.

Proposed law defines "highway safety corridor violation" as use of a highway safety corridor in a manner not authorized by present law or any regulation promulgated pursuant to present law.

Present law exempts the secretary of the DOTD, the superintendent of the LSP, and the executive director of the La. Hwy. Safety Commission from liability for any property damages, injuries, or deaths that may arise in the enforcement of present law after reviewing all data and studies for the establishment of the highway safety corridor.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing all references and effects of electronic enforcement found in present law (R.S. 32:57.4 and 267.1).

Present law provides for penalties, fines, and alternatives to citation for a violation of present law.

Present law requires, upon unanimous vote of the Safety Corridor Advisory Group and in the exercise of the authority to designate highway safety corridors on any highway in the state highway system, the secretary of the DOTD to coordinate with the LSP for the exercise of the police powers of the state as necessary to maintain the peace and accomplish the orderly handling of this authority.

Present law provides for definitions and for highway safety corridor violations. Present law requires

the department from time to time to designate one or more violation clerks and agents to perform the functions specified in present law at the discretion of the department.

Proposed law removes present law (R.S. 32:57.4 and 267.1).

(Amends R.S. 32:267(A)(2) and (E); Adds R.S. 32:267(A)(3) and (4); Repeals R.S. 32:57.4 and 267.1)