

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 923

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides relative to liability associated with Mardi Gras parades

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2796(A), relative to the limitation of liability for loss
3 connected to Mardi Gras parades; to provide for liability associated with motordrawn
4 floats and other vehicles; to provide a limitation of liability for certain contractors
5 and members of certain krewes and organizations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:2796(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2796. Limitation of liability for loss connected with Mardi Gras parades and
9 festivities; fair and festival parades

10 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no person shall have
11 a cause of action against any krewe or organization, any group traditionally referred
12 to as Courir de Mardi Gras, or any member thereof, which presents Mardi Gras
13 parades, including traditional rural Mardi Gras parades, processions, or runs in which
14 participants ride on horseback, march, walk, or ride on horse-drawn or motordrawn
15 floats, or wheeled beds, or other parades, whether held on a public or private street
16 or waterway, or in a building or other structure, or any combination thereof,
17 connected with pre-Lenten festivities or the Holiday in Dixie Parade, or against any
18 nonprofit organization chartered under the laws of this state, or any member thereof,
19 which sponsors fairs or festivals that present parades or courirs, for any loss or
20 damage caused by any member thereof, during or in conjunction with or related to

the krewe, organization, or courir and does not apply to a compensated employee of the krewe or organization for his individual acts of negligence.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides that no person shall have a cause of action against a krewe, organization, or courir described in present law, or a member, contractor, or employee of a contractor of such krewe, organization, or courir who is hired or contracted by the krewe, organization, or courir to construct or stage Mardi Gras parades for any loss or damage caused by the member, contractor, or employee of a contractor through the operation, transfer, or movement of a motordrawn float or other vehicle in connection with a Mardi Gras parade unless the loss or damage was caused by the deliberate and wanton act or gross negligence of the member, contractor, or employee of the contractor

(Amends R.S. 9:2796(A))