

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

TRANSPORTATION: Creates a task force to study and make recommendations on protective measures for improving the safety of ridesharing services

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a task force to study and make recommendations on protective measures for
3 improving the safety of ridesharing services.

4 WHEREAS, the regulation of transportation network companies throughout the state
5 was enacted by Act No. 286 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, transportation network companies are also known as ridesharing
7 companies and include services such as Uber and Lyft; and

8 WHEREAS, ridesharing services have fundamentally changed the nature of
9 transportation; and

10 WHEREAS, millions of people utilize ridesharing services for the convenience and
11 reliability of their quick response for transportation services; and

12 WHEREAS, safety has become a central issue surrounding ridesharing services
13 despite the ever-growing popularity of ridesharing companies; and

14 WHEREAS, according to Uber's 2019 safety report there were thousands of
15 unsuspecting rideshare passengers and drivers sexually assaulted, fifty-eight fatalities, and
16 nine fatal physical assaults reported out of one billion three hundred million total rides in the
17 United States in 2018 ; and

18 WHEREAS, ridesharing services are more common at "high crime times" such as
19 weekend nights when riders are more likely to be intoxicated; and

20 WHEREAS, there is always a risk when taking a car ride with a stranger and
21 ridesharing services have shown no signs of slowing down; and

1 WHEREAS, legislative bodies across the nation are exploring options for improving
2 the safety of ridesharing services; and

3 WHEREAS, in an effort to protect and safeguard rideshare passengers and drivers
4 against harm it is vital to study and make recommendations on protective measures for
5 improving the safety of ridesharing services.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study and make recommendations
8 on protective measures for improving the safety of ridesharing services.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of the task force shall
10 identify safety measures that aid in decreasing crime and violence and, at a minimum, shall
11 include the following considerations:

- 12 (1) The potential safety risks.
- 13 (2) The best way to resolve ridesharing services safety issues.
- 14 (3) The safety implications of ridesharing services.
- 15 (4) The possibility of requiring the installation of a detachable security camera
16 system in rideshare vehicles.
- 17 (5) The possibility of ongoing ridesharing safety monitoring.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of seven members
19 and be composed of the following:

- 20 (1) A representative of the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association, appointed by
21 the president of the association.
- 22 (2) A representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the
23 president of the association.
- 24 (3) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police or his designee.
- 25 (4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
26 designee.
- 27 (5) A representative of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker
28 of the House of Representatives.

1 (6) Two representatives of the Transportation Network Companies industry
2 appointed by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and
3 Development.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report to the
5 House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works detailing its findings and
6 recommendations prior to March 1, 2023.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the president of the
9 Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association, the president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association,
10 and the superintendent of Louisiana State Police.

DIGEST

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