DIGEST

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Abstract: Specifies that certain violations are secondary offenses that cannot be used as grounds for a stop absent a primary moving violation.

<u>Present law</u> requires that pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked cross walk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes a violation of <u>present law</u> a secondary offense.

<u>Present law</u> requires all vehicles be equipped, when required, with the proper stop lamps on the rear of the vehicle displaying a red light, visible from a distance not less than 300 feet to the rear in normal sunlight. Additionally, requires, when applicable, that a vehicle be equipped with electric turn signals that indicate an intention to turn by flashing lights.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that a violation of <u>present law</u> constitutes a nonmoving offense and is a secondary offense where the driver should not be stopped, unless it is in connection with a primary moving violation.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits the exhaust system of a motor vehicle from being modified by any person in a manner which would increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle and specifies that the muffler originally installed on the vehicle to comply with all requirements.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that a violation of <u>present law</u> constitutes a nonmoving violation and is a secondary offense where the driver should not be stopped, unless it is in connection with a primary moving violation.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle with any object or material placed on the front windshield or front side windows of the vehicle so as to obstruct the diver's clear view through the windshields.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that a violation of <u>present law</u> constitutes a nonmoving violation and is a secondary offense where the driver should not be stopped, unless it is in connection with a primary moving violation.

<u>Present law</u> requires an owner or operator of a motor vehicle to obtain a current and valid inspection certificate at least once every other year. Specifies that failure to obtain the required inspection

certificate is not a violation, provided that the certificate expired less than one month ago to be deemed valid.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes the expiration on the inspection sticker valid if it is less than four months overdue. Specifies that a violation of <u>present law</u> constitutes a nonmoving violation and is a secondary offense where the driver should not be stopped, unless it is in connection with a primary moving violation.

(Amends R.S. 32:353 and 1304(E)(1); Adds R.S. 32:213(C), 319(D), 361.1(K), and 1304 (I))