

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

MOTOR VEHICLES: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development study the need of automated wheel chocking systems

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study and  
3 consider the need to require or recommend automated wheel chocks for trucks  
4 transporting hazardous materials.

5 WHEREAS, wheel chocks are essential to the safety and efficiency of the trucking  
6 industry and other heavy-load work trucks, such as propane delivery and oil and gas  
7 delivery, among others; and

8 WHEREAS, the primary reason for wheel chocks is safety, not only for the truck  
9 drivers who frequently stop their vehicles for deliveries and other tasks, but also for other  
10 motorists and individuals who could be injured by a truck that is not properly secured; and

11 WHEREAS, an automated wheel chocking system would ensure consistent use of  
12 wheel chocks on large, heavy trucks, bringing a strong measure of safety to these work  
13 environments; and

14 WHEREAS, the use of an automated wheel chocking system provides numerous  
15 safety, monetary, and time saving benefits, including the following:

16 (1) Ensuring regular wheel chock use, which is required in a number of work  
17 situations by various regulatory agencies.

18 (2) Reducing the work involved by the truck driver to manually place and retrieve  
19 individual chocks, thereby reducing the potential for injuries and liability concerns.

20 (3) Reducing down time for the driver by eliminating the need to do this task.

21 (4) Reducing safety violations by ensuring the chocks are always used.

1 (5) Saving money by eliminating the potential for lost or forgotten chocks.

2 WHEREAS, an automated chocking system essentially removes the human element  
3 from the process, ensuring consistent and regular performance of the procedure in all  
4 situations while keeping safety and compliance at the forefront; and

5 WHEREAS, emphasizing the importance of the issue, private companies have begun  
6 creating their own internal wheel chocking and safety policies; and

7 WHEREAS, trucks transporting hazardous materials carry an inherent threat to  
8 public safety; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association requires a wheel stop, such as  
10 a wheel chock, be used whenever a cargo tank vehicle is loading, unloading, or parked.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and  
13 Development study and consider the need for requiring or recommending the use of an  
14 automated wheel chocking system for trucks transporting hazardous materials.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and  
16 Development issue its written findings to the House of Representatives by March 1, 2024.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

---

#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HR 161 Original

2023 Regular Session

Adams

Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to consider the need to require or recommend automated wheel chocks for trucks transporting hazardous materials and issue its written findings to the House of Representatives by March 1, 2024.