

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the imposition of fines for driving offenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F), relative
3 to the imposition of fines for certain driving offenses; to provide for an increase in
4 fines related to the operation of a motor vehicle; to provide for the dedication of
5 revenue to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund; to provide an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S.14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F)
9 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §98.1. Operating while impaired; first offense; penalties

11 A.

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13 (4)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
14 conviction of a first offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional twenty-
15 five dollars.

16 (b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the
17 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

18 (c) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
19 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer

1 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
2 established in R.S. 40:2845.

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4 §98.2. Operating while impaired; second offense; penalties

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7 (5)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
8 conviction of a second offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional fifty
9 dollars.

10 (b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the
11 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

12 (c) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
13 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
14 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
15 established in R.S. 40:2845.

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17 §98.3. Operating while impaired; third offense; penalties

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20 (4)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
21 conviction of a third offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional one
22 hundred dollars.

23 (b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the
24 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

25 (c) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
26 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
27 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
28 established in R.S. 40:2845.

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1 §98.4. Operating while impaired; fourth offense; penalties

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4 (3)(a) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
5 conviction of a fourth or subsequent offense, the offender shall also be fined an
6 additional two hundred fifty dollars.

7 (b) Monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be forwarded by the
8 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

9 (c) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
10 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
11 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
12 established in R.S. 40:2845.

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14 §99. Reckless operation of a vehicle

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16 C.(1) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
17 conviction of the first offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional five
18 dollars.

19 (2) In addition to the penalties imposed under this Section, upon conviction
20 of a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall also be fined an additional ten
21 dollars.

22 (3) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the
23 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.

24 (4) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
25 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
26 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
27 established in R.S. 40:2845.

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1 §99.2. Reckless operation of an off-road vehicle
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3 F.(1) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, upon
4 conviction the offender shall also be fined an additional five dollars.
5 (2) Monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be forwarded by the
6 clerk of court to the state treasurer within thirty days of collection.
7 (3) After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided
8 in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the state treasurer
9 shall deposit the collections into the Louisiana Response Network Fund as
10 established in R.S. 40:2845.
11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
15 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases fines for driving offenses and dedicates the revenues collected to the Louisiana Emergency Network Response Fund.

Present law provides for the crime of operating a motor vehicle while impaired and imposes penalties for violations. The fines imposed upon the conviction of the various offenses are as follows:

- (1) First Offense Not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000
- (2) Second Offense Not less than \$750 nor more than \$1,000
- (3) Third Offense \$2,000
- (4) Fourth or Subsequent Offense \$5,000

Proposed law adds the following additional fines upon conviction for each offense:

- (1) First Offense \$25

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- (2) Second Offense \$50
- (3) Third Offense \$100
- (4) Fourth or Subsequent Offense \$250

Present law provides for the crime of reckless operation of a vehicle and imposes penalties for violations. The fine for a first offense conviction is not more than \$200. The fine imposed upon the conviction of the second or subsequent offenses is not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

Proposed law adds the following additional fines upon conviction for each offense:

- (1) First Offense \$5
- (2) Second or Subsequent Offense \$10

Present law provides for the crime of reckless operation of an off-road vehicle and imposes penalties for violations. The fine for a conviction is not more than \$500.

Proposed law adds an additional fine upon conviction of \$5.

Proposed law instructs the clerk of court to collect each of the additional fines imposed and forward to the state treasurer for deposit into the Louisiana Response Network Fund.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund. Monies in the fund are used to fund grants, projects, and services to support the board of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network. The board's objectives are to decrease trauma, stroke, and STEMI-related deaths. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S.14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F))