

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 626

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

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

TRAFFIC/SPEED LIMITS: Provides for disposition of fines for certain traffic tickets

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:266, relative to traffic regulation; to provide for the disposition of fines for  
3 certain traffic tickets; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 32:266 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §266. Enforcement of speed limit on certain highways; disposition of fines

7 A. For purposes of this Section, the following words and phrases shall have  
8 the following meanings:

9 (1) "Interstate highway" means a fully controlled access highway which is  
10 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

11 (2) "Local law enforcement body" means any law enforcement body seated  
12 in a jurisdiction that is not governed by a home rule charter and has the authority to  
13 write civil or criminal traffic citations within that area and all the agents or  
14 contractors thereof.

15 B.(1) After deposit to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required  
16 under the provisions of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,  
17 all fines or penalties collected by or on behalf of a local law enforcement body for  
18 citations issued for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour  
19 on an interstate highway, shall be forwarded to the state treasurer and credited to a

1        special fund which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the  
2        "Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Fund".  
3                (2) The monies in the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Fund shall be  
4        used solely for implementation, administration, and enforcement of highway safety  
5        programs and only in the amounts appropriated each year to the commission by the  
6        legislature. Any surplus monies and interest remaining to the credit of the fund on  
7        June thirtieth of each year after all such appropriations of the preceding fiscal year  
8        have been made shall remain to the credit of the fund, and no part thereof shall revert  
9        to the state general fund.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires certain local law enforcement bodies to forward certain speeding fines and penalties to the La. Highway Safety Commission Fund.

Proposed law defines "local law enforcement body" and "interstate highway".

Proposed law requires local law enforcement bodies seated in jurisdictions not governed by home rule charters to forward fines and penalties collected for citations issued for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than 10 miles per hour on an interstate highway to the state treasurer and to be used by the La. Highway Safety Commission.

(Adds R.S. 32:266)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Changes the definition of "local law enforcement body".