

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 218

BY SENATOR MORRELL AND REPRESENTATIVE GIROD JACKSON

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

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Prohibits DOTD from collecting fines from persons not paying tolls on the Crescent City Connection. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:7013.1, relative to collection of tolls and fees; prohibits the Department of  
3 Transportation and Development from acting to collect tolls and certain fees and  
4 charges from any person who failed to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City  
5 Connection Bridge during a certain time period; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:7013.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§7013.1. Collection of tolls, fees, and charges on Crescent City Connection**

9 **Bridge; prohibition**

10 **Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:7012 and 7013, or any other**  
11 **law to the contrary, the Department of Transportation and Development shall**  
12 **not take any action to collect a toll, charge, administrative fee, or late charge**  
13 **from any person who failed to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City Connection**  
14 **Bridge, beginning on January 1, 2013, and continuing through May 4, 2013.**

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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#### DIGEST

Morrell (SB 218)

Present law requires the DOTD to collect tolls to cross the Crescent City Connection Bridge (CCC) beginning on January 1, 2013, until December 31, 2033, subject to a favorable vote of certain electors. On November 6, 2012, electors approved renewal of tolls. On March 5, 2013, Hon. William Morvant, Judge, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC, East Baton Rouge Parish, vacated the election results which approved renewal of tolls on the CCC and ordered a new election to be held on May 4, 2013. DOTD suspended toll collections on March 5, 2013.

Proposed law prohibits DOTD from enforcing present law to collect a toll, charge, administrative fee, or late charge required from any person for failure to pay a toll to cross the CCC from January 1, 2013, through May 4, 2013.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:7013.1)