

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Morrell

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 48:1161.2(D)
3 and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 5, after "period;" insert "to require the Department of Transportation and
6 Development to establish a toll violation amnesty program for certain persons who failed to
7 pay a toll to cross the Crescent City Connection Bridge; to provide for terms and conditions
8 of a toll amnesty program; to provide for the costs to implement a toll amnesty program; to
9 require the Department of Transportation and Development to turn certain debt over to the
10 Department of Justice or Department of Revenue for collections;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, line 9, after "prohibition" insert a semi-colon ";" and "amnesty program"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, at the beginning of the line 10, insert "A."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 5

16 On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

17 **"B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of August**
18 **1, 2013, notices of violations or delinquencies shall not be required to be sent to**
19 **any person alleged to have failed to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City**
20 **Connection Bridge prior to January 1, 2013.**

21 **C. (1) The department shall establish a toll violation amnesty program**
22 **for all persons alleged to have failed to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City**
23 **Connection Bridge prior to January 1, 2013.**

24 **(2)(a) The department shall begin conducting the program no later than**
25 **August 1, 2013, and shall conclude the program on October 1, 2013.**

26 **(b) The department shall publicize the program in order to maximize the**
27 **public awareness of and participation in the program.**

28 **(3) During the program, the department shall not take any action to**
29 **collect a charge, administrative fee, or late charge from a person who is alleged**
30 **to have failed to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City Connection Bridge prior**
31 **to January 1, 2013.**

32 **(4)(a) Any person who has entered into a payment plan agreement in**
33 **connection with an alleged failure to pay a toll to cross the Crescent City**
34 **Connection Bridge prior to January 1, 2013, shall be entitled to avail themselves**
35 **of the program.**

36 **(b) If such persons choose to do so, they will be relieved of any further**
37 **obligations pursuant to any payment plan agreement, and only be obligated to**
38 **pay amounts due under the program.**

39 **(c) The department may develop and implement procedures for applying**
40 **payments already made under payment plan agreements as credits against any**
41 **amounts due under the program.**

1 (5) The department shall retain twenty percent of the funds collected
2 during the program to pay for the costs incurred by the department to
3 implement the program.

4 (6) Upon conclusion of the program, the department shall do the
5 following:

6 (a) Notify the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of
7 motor vehicles, of all persons who disposed of toll violations pursuant to the
8 program. The office of motor vehicles shall be prohibited from refusing to
9 renew the driver's licenses of any such persons for the alleged failure to respond
10 to a notice from the department pertaining to the alleged failure to pay a toll to
11 cross the Crescent City Connection Bridge.

12 (b) Submit all evidence of outstanding toll violations alleged to have
13 occurred prior to January 1, 2013 to the Louisiana Department of Justice or the
14 Louisiana Department of Revenue for collection.

15 Section 2. R.S. 48:1161.2(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 §1161.2. Crescent City Transition Fund

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18 D. (1) Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature
19 upon recommendation of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and
20 Development.

21 (2) If the Department of Transportation and Development determines that an
22 appropriation is necessary, the monies in the fund shall be appropriated as
23 follows:

24 (a) An amount not to exceed twenty percent of the funds collected
25 pursuant to the toll violation amnesty program required to be established
26 pursuant to R.S. 47:7013.1(B) shall be appropriated to the Department of
27 Transportation and Development for costs incurred to implement the program.

28 (b) After compliance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the first
29 four million dollars of monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated for use by
30 the Department of Transportation and Development, hereinafter referred to as the
31 "department", for the purpose of capitalizing ferry service formerly operated by the
32 Crescent City Connection Division in the Marine Trust Program.

33 ~~(c) Whether or not tolls are extended on the Crescent City Connection Bridge,~~
34 ~~the~~ The balance of the monies in the fund as of December 31, 2012, shall be
35 appropriated to the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission for lighting of the
36 eastbank and westbank approaches to the Crescent City Connection Bridge including
37 General DeGaulle and the Westbank Expressway approach through ground level,
38 improvements to ingress and egress points, lighting, maintenance, grass cutting, and
39 landscaping of the westbank expressway and connecting arteries.

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41 AMENDMENT NO. 6

42 On page 1, line 15, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."