

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 998

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

TRANSPORTATION: Requires DOTD to supplement the manual on uniform traffic control devices to permit certain guide signs to appear in English and Louisiana French

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:235(A) and to enact R.S. 25:651(C)(7), relative to the
3 uniform highway marking system, manual and specifications for a uniform system
4 of traffic control devices; to require the Department of Transportation and
5 Development to adopt a supplement and specifications to the manual on uniform
6 traffic control devices permitting parish governing authorities to request bilingual
7 signs on certain roads; to provide guidelines for the supplement to be adopted by the
8 Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for additional authority
9 for the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; and to provide for
10 related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 25:651(C)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §651. Creation; domicile; purposes

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15 C. The purposes of the council shall include the following:

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17 (7) To provide and approve Louisiana French terms for the supplement to
18 the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to be placed on bilingual
19 and symbol-based signs to be installed by the Department of Transportation and

Proposed law provides for the adoption of a supplement to the manual for a uniform system of traffic control devices with specifications and guidelines permitting parish governing authorities to request signs along state and federal highways within their boundaries be bilingual and display terms in both English and Louisiana French.

Proposed law provides for a process by which a parish governing authority may formally adopt the supplement prior to erecting signs. In the event the Federal Highway Administration does not approve the bilingual supplement, parish governing authorities may adopt the supplement, but are prohibited from erecting such bilingual signs on federal highways within the parish.

Proposed law provides for the supplement cost not to exceed MUTCD standards.

(Amends R.S. 32:235(A); Adds R.S. 25:651(C)(7))