

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 500

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Provides for refund of certain collections in the amnesty program for the Crescent City Connection Bridge. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 47:7019.2, relative to collection of tolls and fees; to provide for the refund of
3 monies paid by certain persons for a toll violation during the amnesty period to the
4 Department of Transportation and Development; to provide with respect to such
5 refunds; and to provide for related matters.
6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7 Section 1. R.S. 47:7019.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8 **§7019.2. Collection of tolls, fees, and charges on Crescent City Connection**
9 **Bridge; amnesty program; refunds**
10 **A. Any person, who availed themselves of the toll violation amnesty**
11 **program as provided in R.S. 47:7019.1 and made payment for a toll violation**
12 **to the Department of Transportation and Development during the amnesty**
13 **period shall be entitled to a refund of such monies paid if he applies to the**
14 **department for the refund within the refund time period provided for in this**
15 **Section and if he satisfies one of the following circumstances:**
16 **(1) Such person possessed a valid toll tag and payment account, but due**
17 **to no fault of his own, his toll payment account was not accessed for payment.**

1 **(2) Such person did not possess a valid toll tag and made payment for**
2 **less than five toll violations.**

3 **B. (1) The department shall establish a program to refund monies**
4 **collected during the amnesty period for a toll violation from any person who**
5 **satisfies one of the circumstances provided in Subsection A of this Section.**

6 **(2)(a) The department shall begin conducting the program no later than**
7 **October 1, 2014, and shall terminate the program on December 31, 2015.**

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

10 **(c) After December 31, 2015, the department shall have no obligation to**
11 **refund monies collected during the amnesty period for a toll violation which**
12 **satisfies the circumstances of Subsection A of this Section.**

13 **C. Any refund payment shall be made from the Crescent City Transition**
14 **Fund from the monies appropriated to the New Orleans Regional Planning**
15 **Commission.**

16 **D. The provisions of this Section shall terminate on January 1, 2016.**

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 500)

Proposed law provides that any person, who availed themselves of the toll violation amnesty program as provided in R.S. 47:7019.1 and made payment for a toll violation to the Department of Transportation and Development during the amnesty period, is entitled to a refund of such monies paid if he satisfies one of the following circumstances:

- (1) Such person possessed a valid toll tag and payment account, but due to no fault of his own, his toll payment account was not accessed for payment.
- (2) Such person did not possess a valid toll tag and made payment for less than five toll

violations.

Proposed law requires the department to establish a refund program.

Proposed law requires the department to begin the program no later than October 1, 2014, and terminate the program on December 31, 2015. Requires the department to publicize the program to maximize the public awareness of and participation in the program. Provides the department has no obligation to refund monies collected during the amnesty period for a toll violation after December 31, 2015.

Proposed law provides for refund payments to be made from the Crescent City Transition Fund from the monies appropriated to the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission.

Proposed law provides its provisions terminate on January 1, 2016.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:7019.2)