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## DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 500)

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

- (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 fewer than five toll violations.

Proposed law requires the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission to establish a refund program.

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

Proposed law gives refunds paid under the program established pursuant to proposed law priority over any other use of the monies designated to fund the refunds.

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

Proposed law forgives the toll violations of any person who possessed a valid toll tag and payment account, but due to no fault of his own, the toll payment account was not accessed for payment.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:7019.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill

1. Moves responsibility for establishing, conducting, and publicizing the program from the DOTD to the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission.
2. Gives refunds paid under the program established pursuant to proposed law priority over any other use of the monies designated to fund the refunds.
3. Forgives the toll violations of any person who possessed a valid toll tag and payment account, but due to no fault of his own, the toll payment account was not accessed for payment.