

Existing law provides that any person operating a motor vehicle on the public roads of this state shall drive in a careful and prudent manner, so as not to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. Failure to drive in such a manner shall constitute careless operation.

Existing law (R.S. 32:57) provides for the following penalties for careless operation of a motor vehicle:

- (1) First violation - A fine of not more than \$175, imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.
- (2) A subsequent violation - A fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

New law retains existing law and provides that when the careless operation of a motor vehicle proximately or directly causes the death of a human being when the operator fails to maintain control of the motor vehicle because of falling asleep, the operator shall be subject to the following additional penalties:

- (1) The operator shall be ordered to serve 250 hours of court-approved community service.
- (2) The operator's driver's license may be suspended for a period of two years.

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(Amends R.S. 32:58; Adds R.S. 32:414(W))