

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 161

BY SENATOR CHABERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to the office of multimodal commerce within the Department of Transportation and Development. (see Act)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:508.3(D), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 36:508.4(B),
3 R.S. 36:508.4(B)(3) and (C), and Section 3 of Act No. 719 of the 2014 Regular
4 Session of the Legislature, and to enact R.S. 51:3136(A)(9), relative to the office of
5 multimodal commerce in the Department of Transportation and Development; to
6 provide for divisions in the office of multimodal commerce; to extend the time for
7 creation and approval of an operational plan for the office by the Multimodal
8 Commerce Advisory Commission; to add the commissioner of the office of
9 multimodal commerce as a member of the Louisiana Board of International
10 Commerce; to provide a time to appoint the commissioner of multimodal commerce;
11 and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 36:508.3(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §508.3. Office of multimodal commerce; functions; commissioner; deputy
15 commissioner; powers and duties

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17 D. The powers, duties, responsibilities, budgetary authority, employees,

1 equipment, facilities, and funding of the office of multimodal commerce shall be
2 allocated among the following divisions of such office:

- 3 (1) Commercial trucking.
- 4 (2) Ports and ~~harbors~~ waterways.
- 5 (3) Aviation.
- 6 (4) Rail Freight and passenger rail development.
- 7 ~~(5) Maritime.~~
- 8 ~~(6) Intercity public mass transit.~~

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10 Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 36:508.4(B) and R.S. 36:508.4(B)(3)
11 and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §508.4. Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission

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14 B. The Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission shall meet and develop
15 an operational plan for the ~~2015~~ 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature for the
16 following:

- 17 (1) * * *

18 (3) Proposed legislation for the ~~2015~~ 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature
19 necessary to implement the operational plan on July 1, 2016.

20 C. The operational plan of the Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission
21 shall be presented to the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways,
22 and public works for their review, amendment, and approval no later than February
23 1, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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25 Section 3. R.S. 51:3136(A)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

26 §3136. Membership of board

27 A. The board shall consist of the following members:

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29 (9) The commissioner of the office of multimodal commerce in the

1 Department of Transportation and Development or his designee.

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3 Section 4. Section 3 of Act No. 719 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature
4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

5 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on
6 July 1, 2016, except that the provisions of R.S. 36:508.3(C) shall become effective
7 January 12, 2016.

8 Section 5. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1,
9 2016.

10 Section 6. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1,
11 2015.

12 Section 7. The provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective on
13 January 12, 2016.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law (effective 7/1/16) provides for the six divisions within the office of multimodal
commerce:

- (1) Commercial trucking.
- (2) Ports and harbors.
- (3) Aviation.
- (4) Rail.
- (5) Maritime.
- (6) Intercity public mass transit.

Proposed law (effective 7/1/16) consolidates those divisions into four:

- (1) Commercial trucking.
- (2) Ports and waterways.
- (3) Aviation.
- (4) Freight and passenger rail development.

Present law requires the Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission to meet and develop an operational plan and proposed legislation for the 2015 Regular Session necessary to implement the operational plan on July 1, 2016. Present law further requires that the operational plan be presented to the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways, and public works for their review, amendment, and approval no later than February 1, 2015.

Proposed law (effective 7/1/15) retains present law but extends the 2015 deadlines to 2016.

Present law provides for membership for the Louisiana Board of International Commerce.

Proposed law (effective 1/12/16) adds the commissioner of multimodal commerce as a member.

Present law (effective 7/1/16) provides that the commissioner of multimodal commerce be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law (effective 1/12/16) provides that the commissioner of multimodal commerce be appointed by the governor.

(Amend R.S. 36:508.3(D), 508.4(B)(intro para) and (3) and (C), and Section 3 of Act 719 of 2014 R.S.; adds R.S. 51:3136(A)(9))