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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 191

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

TRAFFIC: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the implementation of flashing yellow arrows at major intersections

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to study
3 the implementation of flashing yellow arrows at major intersections.

4 WHEREAS, a large number of accidents and deaths are imputed yearly to drivers
5 failing to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn at intersections; and

6 WHEREAS, the cause of such accidents and deaths is due to many drivers who
7 inadvertently believe they have the right-of-way when the traffic signal at intersections
8 switches to a solid green light; and

9 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration conducted a study that found a
10 flashing yellow left-turn arrow signal helped to prevent crashes; and

11 WHEREAS, the study also found that drivers made fewer mistakes with the flashing
12 yellow left-turn arrow signals than with traditional left-turn arrow signals, traffic moved
13 easily through an intersection, the flashing yellow left-turn arrow signal was easy to
14 implement without revising signal hardware, and provided additional traffic management
15 flexibility; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program found the
17 flashing yellow left-turn arrow signal to be the best overall alternative to the circular green
18 signal as the permissive signal display for a left-turn movement and left-turn drivers had a
19 high level of understanding and correct response to the flashing yellow turn-signal arrow;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North
2 Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin have successfully installed flashing
3 yellow left-turn arrow signals and report a decrease in accidents; and

4 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state of Louisiana to provide for the safety
5 of its citizens to the best of its ability; and

6 WHEREAS, installing flashing yellow left-turn arrow signals at major intersections
7 are needed to protect the safety and welfare of pedestrians and drivers alike and to diminish
8 the current public safety hazard in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, it is prudent that the Department of Transportation and Development
10 conduct a traffic study to determine whether there is a need for the installation of flashing
11 yellow left-turn arrow signals at major intersections.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to study the
14 implementation of flashing yellow left-turn arrow signals at major intersections.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall prepare and submit a final
16 report that contains the results of the study requested by this resolution and submit such final
17 report to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the
18 Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works no later than February
19 1, 2016.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the implementation of flashing yellow left-turn arrow signals at major intersections.

Requires the department to prepare a written report detailing the results of the study by Feb. 1, 2016. Requires that the report be submitted to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.