

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 392

BY SENATOR CHABERT

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Provides relative to free and unhampered passage on the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge for certain residents. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.5.7(A)(3), relative to toll exemptions on the Tomey J.
3 Doucet Bridge; to provide for exemptions from tolls for certain residents of the
4 parish of Lafourche; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:820.5.7(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §820.5.7. Free and unhampered passage on the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge; certain
9 emergency vehicles of the town of Grand Isle; certain residents

10 A.(1) * * *

11 (3) Any permanent resident of the town of Grand Isle and any permanent
12 resident of the parish of Lafourche domiciled in United States Postal Service
13 ZIP code 70357 south of the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge shall be ~~exempted~~ exempt
14 from the payment of tolls when crossing the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge when provided
15 the resident purchases an exempt toll tag, presents a certificate of motor vehicle
16 registration, and any one of the following documents for proof of residency:

17 (a) ~~Am~~ A valid, official Louisiana driver's license.

1 (b) Proof of homestead exemption.

2 (c) A voter registration card.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 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

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Present law exempts certain emergency vehicles when utilized in the performance of their official duties from the payment of tolls to cross the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge on LA 1 as follows:

- (1) Ambulances of the Grand Isle Emergency Vehicle Services.
- (2) Official vehicles of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District.
- (3) Official vehicles and a medical transportation van of the town of Grand Isle.
- (4) Official, logo-bearing vehicles of the Grand Isle Port Commission official.

Present law exempts any permanent resident of Grand Isle from the payment of tolls when crossing the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge when the resident purchases an exempt toll tag, presents a certificate of motor vehicle registration, and any one of the following documents for proof of residency:

- (1) An official La. driver's license.
- (2) A homestead exemption card.
- (3) A voter registration card.

Proposed law expands toll exemption to include any permanent resident of the parish of Lafourche domiciled in U. S. Postal Service ZIP code 70357 south of the bridge. Adds that the LA driver's license is valid.

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

(Amends R.S. 47:820.5.7(A)(3))