

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 751

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

MTR VEHICLE/SEAT BELTS: Increases penalties for noncompliance with the compulsory seat belt law

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:295.1(G)(1), relative to noncompliance with compulsory seat
3 belt law; to increase fines for seat belt violations; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 32:295.1(G)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §295.1. Safety belt use; tags indicating exemption

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8 G.(1) Any ~~person who violates this Section subsequent to August 31, 1995,~~
9 ~~and prior to November 1, 1995, shall be given a warning ticket only. Subsequent to~~
10 ~~October 31, 1995, any~~ person who violates this Section shall be subject to the
11 following penalties:

12 (a) Upon conviction of a first offense, the fine shall be ~~twenty-five~~ fifty
13 dollars which shall include all costs of court.

14 (b) Upon conviction of a second offense, the fine shall be ~~fifty~~ seventy-five
15 dollars which shall include all costs of court.

16 (c) Upon conviction of a third offense and any subsequent offense, the fine
17 shall be ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars plus all costs of court.

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DIGEST

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HB 751 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Increases fines for violations of the compulsory seat belt law.

Present law provides that a person who violates present law subsequent to Aug. 31, 1995 and prior to Nov. 1, 1995 must be issued a warning ticket only.

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law provides that any person who violates present law subsequent to Oct. 31, 1995 must be subject to certain penalties.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the reference to the expired time period provided in present law.

Present law provides that upon conviction of a first offense, the fine shall be \$25, including all costs of court.

Proposed law increases the fine from \$25 to \$50.

Present law provides that upon conviction of a second offense, the fine shall be \$50, including all costs of court.

Proposed law increases the fine from \$50 to \$75.

Present law provides that upon conviction of a third offense and any subsequent offense, the fine shall be \$50, plus all costs of court.

Proposed law increases the fine from \$50 to \$75.

(Amends R.S. 32:295.1(G)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove references to expired time periods provided in present law that governed the issuance of warning tickets only, instead of fines, for violations of present law.