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TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT OR INCREASE SD EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act. (8/1/22)

Under present law, fines for violating the LA Highway Regulatory Act are \$175 or imprisonment up to 30 days, or both for 1st offense; and \$500 or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both for 2nd and subsequent offense. Proposed law provides fines in present law shall be five times the standard fine while on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge - \$875 for 1st offense and \$2,500 for 2nd and subsequent offense. Proposed law requires the Department of Transportation and Development to place signs on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge as follows: (1) 8 sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound side; (2) 8 sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the westbound side; (3) 6 sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs are equally spaced on the eastbound side; (4) 6 sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs are equally spaced on the westbound side. Proposed law effective August 1, 2022.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will create a direct and indirect increase in expenditures within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). The proposed law requires DOTD to erect "Trucks Right Lane Only" directional signs on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge - 6 sets (2 per set) on the eastbound and 6 sets on the westbound. Also, DOTD must equally place speed limit signs on the bridge - 8 sets (4 per set) on the eastbound and 8 sets (4 per set) on the westbound.

DOTD reports the provisions of the proposed law that require the installation of signage at specific intervals will result in significant costs to relocate existing highway signage and markers due to federal regulations that provide guidelines with regard to spacing and placement requirements on interstate highways. DOTD estimates the total cost of placing new signs as prescribed in the proposed law and making the necessary adjustments to existing signage at between \$490,000 to \$690,000 Statutory Dedications out of the TTF-Regular. Expenditures will provide for the material, fabrication cost, mounting posts, and labor required for the installation of new signs as well as moving existing signs to maintain equal spacing.

The indirect increase in expenditures is attributable to the long-term maintenance and possible replacement costs for damaged or destroyed signs. The maintenance cost over time should be negligible, but to the extent that additional signage is added to the department's inventory each year, the department's effort to maintain them increases incrementally. Material and labor costs for any new signage is estimated to recur every 10 years in perpetuity, as roadway signs must be replaced due to age or damage.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds revenue as a result of potential fines. The proposed law imposes fines 5 times the standard fine if a driver traveling on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge violates the LA Highway Regulatory Act. The fine for a 1st offense would increase from \$175 to \$875 and subsequent offenses would increase from \$500 to \$2,500. The number of drivers that will be fined is unknown and the revenue impact from the fine is indeterminable. The potential revenue from fines will accrue to the local governing authority.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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