
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 435 by Senator Cortez

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "Act;" insert "to establish the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge as a highway
3 safety corridor; to provide for camera safety devices; "

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 11, change "five" to "two"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, at the end of line 12, insert, "**For purposes of this Subsection, the Atchafalaya**
8 **Basin Bridge shall mean the Atchafalaya Elevated Expressway designated by Act 793**
9 **of 1989 as the Louisiana Airborne Memorial Bridge.**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the
12 following:

13 **"§239. Atchafalaya Basin Bridge; highway safety corridor; camera usage; signs**
14 **A.(1) The legislature finds and declares that the Atchafalaya Basin**
15 **Bridge shall be identified as a highway safety corridor based on data analytics**
16 **that have identified this segment of highway as a high collision crash zone**
17 **resulting in severe injury and fatality due primarily to driver behavior such as**
18 **speeding, aggressive driving, impairment, and distracted driving.**
19 **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including R.S. 32:267 et**
20 **seq., the Department of Transportation and Development shall take all steps**
21 **necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.**

22 **(2) The legislature further finds and declares that the department shall**
23 **implement measures to reduce safety risks to both law enforcement and**
24 **individuals driving across the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge including but not**
25 **limited to the implementation of camera safety devices and installation of**
26 **additional signage.**

27 **(3) For purposes of implementation of this Section, the Atchafalaya Basin**
28 **Bridge shall mean the Atchafalaya Elevated Expressway designated by Act 793**
29 **of 1989 as the Louisiana Airborne Memorial Bridge.**

30 **B.(1) The department shall install camera safety devices on the**
31 **Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. The department may consult with the Safety**
32 **Corridor Advisory Group to determine the quantity, placement, duration of**
33 **use, and operation of the cameras. The department may monitor the cameras**
34 **or may contract with a third-party to monitor the cameras. The department**
35 **may determine whether the cameras should be utilized continuously or only**
36 **during certain hours.**

37 **(2) The department shall establish a process for identification of motor**
38 **vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit, issuance of citations, and**
39 **collection of fines.**

40 **(3) The department shall adopt policies and procedures for the issuance**
41 **of citations and the collection of fines authorized pursuant to this Section in**
42 **accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

43 **C. The department shall place the following signs, in compliance with the**
44 **standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, on the**
45 **Atchafalaya Basin Bridge:**

1 **(1) Signs placed at the eastbound entrance of the bridge and signs placed**
2 **at the westbound entrance of the bridge that state "Safety Corridor, Fines**
3 **Doubled for Speeding and Other Violations". The department shall design the**
4 **color, size, and shape of the signs in a manner that safely alerts and informs**
5 **drivers that they are entering a highway safety corridor. The department may**
6 **place additional signs designed pursuant to this Paragraph along the bridge as**
7 **necessary.**

8 **(2) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound**
9 **portion of the bridge and eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the**
10 **westbound portion of the bridge.**

11 **(3) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the**
12 **eastbound portion of the bridge and six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs**
13 **equally spaced on the westbound portion of the bridge.**

14 **D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as precluding any police**
15 **officer from enforcing traffic laws on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. However,**
16 **no person shall be subject to a citation issued pursuant to this Section if a**
17 **citation for the same offence was also issued by a police officer.**

18 **E. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to be**
19 **designated and hereafter referred to as the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Safety**
20 **Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".**

21 **(2) Any monies collected as fines pursuant to R.S. 32:57(J), as a result of**
22 **traffic camera safety device data, shall be deposited into the fund.**

23 **(3) The monies in the fund shall be remitted at the end of the fiscal year**
24 **on a pro rata basis by the department to the parishes of Iberville and St. Martin**
25 **for use in the same manner as fines collected by the parishes when traffic**
26 **violations are issued by a law enforcement officer.**

27 **(4) All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of**
28 **the fiscal year shall remain in the fund."**