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TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT EG INCREASE SD EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 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 twice the standard fine while on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge - \$350 for 1st offense and \$1,000 for 2nd and subsequent offense. Proposed law requires the Department of Transportation and Development to do the following: (1) install camera safety devices, (2) establish a process for identification of vehicles traveling in excess o the posted speed limit, issue of citations, and collection of fines, (3) place signs on the eastbound and westbound entrances that state "Safety Corridor, Fines Doubled for Speeding and Other Violations", (4) place eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound and westbound portions, and (5) place six set of "Trucks Right Lane Only" sign on the eastbound and westbound portions. Proposed law creates the Atchafalaya Basin Bride Safety Fund. Traffic camera safety citations on the bridge shall be deposited into the fund and remitted on a pro-rata basis to Iberville and St. Martin parishes.

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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will create a direct and indirect increase in expenditures within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) as a result of installing camera safety devices and additional signage on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. The proposed law requires DOTD to install camera safety devices, erect "Trucks Right Lane Only" directional signs - 6 sets (2 per set) on the eastbound and 6 sets on the westbound, and equally place speed limit signs - 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.

Also, the proposed law requires DOTD to install camera safety devices on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. The installation of a camera system is anticipated to significantly increase expenditures within DOTD by an indeterminable amount. The department is authorized to consult with the Safety Corridor Advisory Group to determine the quantity, placement, and duration of the use, and operation of the cameras. In addition, DOTD may contract with a third-party vendor to monitor the camera. The installation costs of camera safety devices dependents on the number, placement, duration of camera use and monitoring. DOTD is has not provided an estimate the cost of installing and monitoring of camera safety devices at the time of this writing.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds revenue within Iberville and St. Martin parishes as a result of potential fines. The proposed law imposes fines twice 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 \$350 and subsequent offenses would increase from \$500 to \$1,000. 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 Iberville and St. Martin.

<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 type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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Treasury

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 436 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$73,000, plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGF in this fiscal note.

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