

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to free and unhampered passage on the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge for emergency vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R. S. 47:820.5.6, relative to exemptions from tolls on the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge;  
3 to provide for the exemptions from tolls for emergency vehicles under certain  
4 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:820.5.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §820.5.6. Free and unhampered passage on the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge; emergency  
8 vehicles

9 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all emergency  
10 vehicles shall have free and unhampered passage crossing the Tomey J. Doucet  
11 Bridge on Louisiana Highway 1 in Leesville, Louisiana.

12 B. For the purposes of this Section, "emergency vehicles" shall be defined  
13 as all emergency vehicles performing a public service that permits them, under  
14 existing laws and regulations, to display emergency vehicle lights in order to carry  
15 out ambulance functions in accordance with the laws relative thereto, when such  
16 lights are in actual use. This shall also apply to emergency vehicles privately owned  
17 but entitled to such public emergency usage. Any emergency vehicle positioned on  
18 the south side of the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge in case of an emergency shall also have  
19 free and unhampered passage crossing the bridge.

- 1                    C. The Department of Transportation and Development shall, in accordance  
 2                    with the Administrative Procedure Act, adopt rules and regulations for the efficient  
 3                    implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.
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### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to free and unhampered passage for emergency vehicles crossing the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge on La. Hwy. 1 in Leeville, La.

Proposed law defines "emergency vehicles".

Proposed law removes police and fire emergency motor vehicles from inclusion in the definition of "emergency vehicles".

Proposed law exempts, from the payment of tolls, those public and private emergency vehicles traveling with their emergency flashing lights on in the performance of their duties.

Proposed law further exempts, from the payment of tolls, any emergency vehicle positioned on the south side of the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge in case of an emergency.

Proposed law requires DOTD to promulgate rules and regulations for the efficient implementation and enforcement of the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:820.5.6)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1.     Removed police and fire emergency motor vehicles from inclusion in the definition of "emergency vehicles".