
DIGEST

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HB No. 1091

Abstract: Prohibits dogs from being transported in the back of pickup trucks on interstate highways unless humanely secured.

Proposed law prohibits drivers from transporting dogs in the back of pickup trucks on interstate highways within this state.

Proposed law defines "humane manner" and provides for exceptions relative to dogs that are secured in a humane manner in one of the following ways:

- (1) Physically inside of an enclosed container, crate, kennel, or cage, that is safely secured to the inside of the bed of a pickup truck that provides adequate ventilation for the dog or dogs to maintain oxygen intake and breathe without distress, and enough space for the dog or dogs to stand, sit, and turn around.
- (2) Physically restrained by a restraint system that is long enough to allow the dog to move its head above its shoulders while standing and short enough to prevent the dog from falling, jumping, or being thrown from the bed of the pickup truck.
- (3) Physically enclosed in the bed of a pickup truck that is covered by a ventilated top that prevents the dog or dogs from jumping, falling, or being thrown from the bed of the pickup truck.

Proposed law defines "restraint system" as any apparatus used for the purpose of restricting a dog's movements, which may consist of a collar, harness, leash, lead, rope, tie out, or any other securing device, used independently or collectively that does not cause any harm to the dog or dogs.

Proposed law provides that the penalty for transporting one dog in violation of proposed law is a fine of not more than \$150.

Proposed law provides that an additional fine of \$50 per dog shall be imposed for each additional dog transported at the same time in violation of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 32:284.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added enclosure in a truck with a ventilated top to the definition of humane manner.