

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND FOIL

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to form a study group to recommend

3 proposed legislation providing penalties for causing injury or death to pedestrians

4 and bicyclists while operating a motor vehicle, and to report its findings to the

5 Louisiana Legislature no later than February 1, 2020.

6 WHEREAS, United States citizens take one hundred twenty-seven million walking

7 trips per day and nine million bicycle trips per day; and

8 WHEREAS, one in twelve households in the United States does not own an

9 automobile; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2009, 11.9% of all trips taken by Americans were either by walking

11 or bicycling, which was 2.4% higher than the percentage of trips taken by Americans while

12 either walking or bicycling in 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, 61% of all trips made by bicycle were for recreation or exercise, but

14 only 48% of those trips were made on a paved road; and

15 WHEREAS, 63% of all trips made by walking were for recreation, exercise, or dog

16 walking, but only 33% of those trips were made on a paved road; and

17 WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2017, drivers in the United States struck and killed

18 forty-nine thousand, four hundred thirty people who were walking on paved roads, which

19 averages to just under fourteen people per day, or one person every hour and forty-six

20 minutes; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2015, there were over one thousand bicycle-related deaths and almost
2 four hundred sixty-seven thousand bicycle-related injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, adults between the ages of fifty and fifty-nine have the highest chance
4 of bicycle-related deaths and children and adolescents have the highest chance of bicycle-
5 related injuries; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Smart Growth America's Dangerous by Design 2019 study,
7 the Baton Rouge metropolitan area is the twelfth most dangerous metropolitan area for
8 pedestrians in the United States and Louisiana is the fourth most dangerous state in the
9 United States for pedestrians.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to form a study group to recommend
12 proposed legislation providing penalties for causing injury or death to pedestrians and
13 bicyclists while operating a motor vehicle.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, at a minimum, the study group should include three
15 representatives of outdoor cycling clubs within the state of Louisiana, the Louisiana District
16 Attorneys Association, and the Louisiana Municipal Association.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
18 a report detailing the results of its study and its recommendation for proposed legislation to
19 the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2020.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 president of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

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