

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 474

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/EMERGENCY: Provides relative to emergency vehicles for coroners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(1), relative to the definition of "authorized emergency  
3 vehicle"; to provide for the addition of authorized vehicles used for coroner  
4 investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle"; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:1(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1. Definitions

9 When used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings  
10 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means a vehicle of a fire department,  
12 a vehicle of the department's weights and standards police force, a police vehicle, a  
13 private vehicle, a privately owned vehicle belonging to members of an organized  
14 volunteer fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire  
15 chief of that fire department or fire district, an industrial-owned vehicle assigned to  
16 members of a fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the  
17 fire chief of that fire department or fire district, a vehicle parked or stopped by  
18 elevator repair or construction personnel while responding to an elevator emergency,  
19 such as ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles certified by the  
20 Louisiana Department of Health that are operated by certified ambulance services,

1 authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations, and emergency vehicles of  
2 municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized  
3 by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or by the  
4 chief of police of any incorporated municipality. For purposes of this Section,  
5 elevator repair shall be limited to those elevators that move people.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle".

Present law defines "authorized emergency vehicle" as a vehicle of a fire dept., a vehicle of the dept.'s weights and standards police force, a police vehicle, a private vehicle, a privately owned vehicle belonging to members of an organized volunteer fire dept. or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire dept. or fire district, an industrial-owned vehicle assigned to members of a fire dept. or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire dept. or fire district, a vehicle parked or stopped by elevator repair or construction personnel while responding to an elevator emergency, such as ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles certified by the La. Dept. of Health that are operated by certified ambulance services, and emergency vehicles of municipal depts. or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or by the chief of police of any incorporated municipality.

Proposed law retains present law but adds authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle".

(Amends R.S. 32:1(1))