

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police to study methods of enforcing out-of-state vehicles to comply with Louisiana insurance requirements; to study vehicle incidents involving out-of-state drivers; to study the impacts of impounding out-of-state vehicles that are noncompliant with Louisiana insurance requirements.

WHEREAS, most states require drivers to carry liability auto insurance, except for New Hampshire and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:861 requires registered owners of motor vehicles to maintain liability security; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:865 provides that the state of Louisiana may impose fines ranging from five hundred dollars to one thousand dollars, license suspension of twelve to eighteen months, vehicle impoundment, and potential revocation of vehicle registration for one hundred eighty days, depending on the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, all states utilize the Problem Driver Pointer System, which is a computerized database maintained by the National Driver Register, which is a division in the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, that tracks individuals with serious traffic-related offenses or those whose driving privileges have been revoked, suspended, canceled, or denied; and

WHEREAS, this system allows the driver's home state to be notified of out-of-state traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Information Institute reported from 2017 to 2022 that the percentage of uninsured motorists increased from 11.6% in 2017 to 14% in 2022; and

WHEREAS, states bordering Louisiana have some of the highest rates of uninsured motorists in the country; and

WHEREAS, establishing reports of the number and type of incidents involving out-of-state drivers; and

WHEREAS, 32 CFR 634.49(a) and (b) details the standards for impoundment; and

WHEREAS, in pertinent part, the regulation specifies that vehicles should not be impounded unless their presence threatens public safety or convenience and if there are reasonable alternatives to impoundment; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:392(B) requires that vehicles impounded for violations of state law other than R.S. 32:380 through 387, which regulate size, width, height, length, weight, and load of vehicles in regular operation, shall be detained until released by any court or committee magistrate having jurisdiction over the defense; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:862(B)(1) provides that for proof of compliance with insurance requirements, Louisiana requires that "the original, a photocopy, or an image displayed on a mobile electronic device, of one of the following documents be produced as documentation of insurance: an insurance card; an insurance policy; or the declarations page of the insurance policy showing coverages"; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of insurance requirements on out-of-state drivers operating vehicles in this state, along with contemplating the impacts of impounding vehicles of drivers who are not in compliance are essential to protecting the citizens of this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police to study the feasibility and potential methods of enforcing out-of-state vehicle compliance with Louisiana's mandatory vehicle insurance law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police shall study the following:

(1) Laws and ordinances that establish procedures and penalties to be imposed on out-of-state drivers without insurance in Louisiana.

(2) The feasibility of establishing a procedure for out-of-state drivers to secure temporary insurance coverage and tagging when penalized for driving without insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police shall submit a joint, written report to the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works committees prior to January 15, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the office of motor vehicles and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE