

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

ETHICS/CODE: Authorizes legislators to accept complimentary reasonable transportation to foreign countries

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv), relative to reasonable transportation; to provide for the  
3 acceptance of complimentary reasonable transportation by legislators; to provide for  
4 travel to a foreign country under certain circumstances; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1102. Definitions

9 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and  
10 terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meanings:

11 \* \* \*

12 (20)

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) "Reasonable transportation", with reference to legislators only, means  
15 transportation:

16 \* \* \*

17 (iv) Organized primarily for trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or  
18 humanitarian purposes to a foreign country if sponsored by the government of the  
19 foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes legislators to accept reasonable transportation to a foreign country if organized for trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes and sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

Present law authorizes public servants to accept complimentary reasonable transportation or reimbursement of reasonable transportation in certain circumstances. Further requires the public servant to make certain disclosures regarding accepted transportation including the amount expended on his behalf for such transportation.

For purposes of legislators, present law provides that "reasonable transportation" when organized primarily for *educational or for informational* purposes, including on-site inspections, shall include transportation to any state, territory, or commonwealth of the U.S., to the territorial waters of La., and to any offshore structure located on the outer continental shelf seaward of such territorial waters and offshore of Louisiana.

Present law further provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *making a public speech*, reasonable transportation includes transportation from his home, or the capitol, to and from the site of the speaking engagement from the sponsoring group or organization, provided the public speech is given in any state of the U.S. or any country in North America.

Present law further provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *entertainment purposes incidental to food, drink, or refreshments*, reasonable transportation shall include transportation to any point within this state that is within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the legislator's district, or within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the parish wherein the state capitol is located.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that for legislators, if organized primarily for *trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes*, reasonable transportation shall include transportation to a foreign country if sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

(Adds R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv))