2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR CLOUD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to Department of Public Safety and Corrections oversight of commercial vehicle parking. (8/1/26)

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and

3   400.7(B), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state

4   police; to provide for vehicles on state highway shoulders; to provide for proper

5   agency oversight; and to provide for related matters.

6   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and

8   400.7(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9   §296. Stopping, parking, or standing upon the highway shoulder; driving upon the

10   highway shoulder

11   A. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any **attended or** unattended

12   vehicle on any ~~state~~ highway shoulder, unless such stopping, parking, or standing is

13   made necessary by an emergency, except:

14   *   *   *

15   §400.2. Controlling authority; compliance

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17   B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the ~~Department of~~

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1   ~~Transportation and Development~~ **Department of Public Safety and Corrections,**

2   **office of state police** shall be the sole and exclusive agency with jurisdiction over

3   autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems and shall

4   implement the provisions of this Part.

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6   §400.3. Operation; criteria

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8   C. Prior to commencing the operation of an autonomous commercial motor

9   vehicle without a conventional driver present in the cab, a person or entity shall

10   submit a written statement to the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~

11   **Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police** certifying that

12   the vehicle meets the requirements of this Section.

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14   §400.7. Teleoperations; operation; criteria

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16   B. Prior to commencing the operation of a commercial motor vehicle

17   equipped with a teleoperation system without a conventional driver present in the

18   cab, an owner, a remote driver, or the remote driver's employer shall submit a written

19   statement to the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **Department of**

20   **Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police** certifying that the vehicle

21   meets the requirements of this Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law provides for vehicles left unattended on state highway shoulders. Proposed law adds attended vehicles in addition to unattended vehicles and changes the classification from "state highway shoulders" to "highway shoulders".

Present law provides the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is the only agency with jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems. Proposed law changes the agency jurisdiction from DOTD to Department

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of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Present law provides a written statement must be presented before using a driverless, autonomous, commercial vehicle certifying the vehicle meets DOTD requirements. Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Present law provides before operating a driverless commercial motor vehicle with a teleoperation system, a written statement must be submitted by the vehicle's owner, a remote driver or the remote drivers employer certifying the vehicle meets certain requirements. Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:296(A)(intro para), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B))