

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 606

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HIGHWAYS: Modifies regulations pertaining to personal delivery devices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) and to
3 enact R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C), relative to personal delivery
4 devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for responsibilities and rights of a
5 personal delivery device; to provide for operation in pedestrian and nonpedestrian
6 areas; to remove the requirement for the display of lights at night; to remove
7 provision for crossing certain roadways; to provide for regulation by local
8 governments; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) are hereby
11 amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C) are hereby
12 enacted to read as follows:

13 §210. Definitions

14 The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this Subpart:

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16 (3) "Nonpedestrian area" shall consist of any bicycle lane, shoulder, or side
17 of a divided highway, highway, roadway, or street where the posted speed limit is
18 ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five miles per hour or less.

19 (4) "Pedestrian area" means a sidewalk, crosswalk, school crosswalk, school
20 crossing zone, ~~or safety zone,~~ parking lot, or any similar area.

1 (5) "Personal delivery device" means a powered device that travels at the
2 speed of twenty miles per hour or less, is less than five hundred pounds, excluding
3 cargo, is manufactured for transporting cargo and goods in a pedestrian area,
4 nonpedestrian area, or supplementary areas, and is equipped with automated driving
5 technology, including software and hardware, that enables the operation of the
6 device with the remote support and supervision of a human being.

7 §210.1. Applicable law

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9 C. A personal delivery device shall have the same legal rights and duties
10 applicable to a pedestrian or bicyclist in the same circumstances, except for those
11 duties that, by their nature cannot apply to a personal delivery device, or those that
12 would unreasonably burden the operation of the personal delivery device.

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14 §210.3. Device operation

15 ~~A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart shall:~~ A business
16 entity may operate a personal delivery device in any pedestrian or nonpedestrian area
17 of the state, provided the device:

18 ~~(1) Operate in a manner that complies with any provision under this Chapter~~
19 ~~that is applicable to pedestrians, unless the provision cannot apply to the device.~~

20 ~~(2) (1) Yield~~ Yields to or does not obstruct the right-of-way to all other
21 lawful traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

22 ~~(3) (2) Not~~ Does not unreasonably interfere with other traffic, including
23 pedestrian traffic.

24 ~~(4) Display the lights required by R.S. 32:301 et seq., if the personal delivery~~
25 ~~device is operated at night.~~

26 ~~(5) (3) Comply~~ Complies with any applicable regulations adopted by local
27 authority, provided those regulations are not inconsistent with this Subpart.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that operations of a personal delivery device is treated the same as a pedestrian or bicyclist.

Present law provides specifications for operation of the devices relative to traffic and compliance with regulations.

Proposed law retains the specifications of present law but adds provisions for operation within a pedestrian or nonpedestrian area.

Present law allows for local prohibitions of personal delivery devices in the interest of public safety.

Proposed law changes the provision from a prohibition against to the regulation of personal delivery devices in the interest of public safety provided the regulations are not inconsistent with present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1); Adds R.S. 32:210(intro. para.) and 210.1(C))