

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force, comprised of relevant state entities, to be referred to as the "Tiger Team" to study the feasibility and public safety implications of permitting certain active-duty military personnel without civilian driver's licenses to operate government-owned vehicles on state highways while conducting federal business.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is home to major federal military installations, including Fort Polk, Barksdale Air Force Base, and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, which are vital to national defense and contribute significantly to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, some Army soldiers, United States Air Force airmen, and Navy sailors assigned to these installations arrive without valid civilian driver's licenses from any state, as the United States military is responsible for providing them with rigorous, specialized driver training programs for operating federal government vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these trained service members are occasionally required to traverse Louisiana's state highways and roads in federally owned vehicles while performing official federal business; and

WHEREAS, these federally owned vehicles are insured by the federal government, and the service members operating them possess demonstrated proficiency through intensive military driver training; and

WHEREAS, current Louisiana law generally requires a valid driver's license for the operation of motor vehicles on public roads, yet military personnel driving federally owned and insured vehicles on active federal business presents a unique operational dilemma that merits review; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of military readiness, operational efficiency, and support for Louisiana's military installations to evaluate whether allowing these skilled service members to operate federally owned vehicles without a civilian driver's license would pose any significant threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative effort of the "Tiger Team", comprising key state transportation, law enforcement, military, and local public safety leaders, can provide expert analysis and a consolidated recommendation to the governor regarding the issuance of an executive order to authorize this practice with appropriate safeguards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for a task force to be referred to as the "Tiger Team" to study the feasibility and public safety implications of permitting certain active-duty military personnel without civilian driver's licenses to operate federally owned vehicles on state highways while conducting federal business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Tiger Team" shall begin its work no later than thirty days after the conclusion of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Tiger Team" shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.
- (2) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.
- (3) The adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard.
- (4) The president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.
- (5) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.
- (6) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Tiger Team" shall review the possibility of allowing active-duty service members to drive federally owned vehicles on Louisiana roads without a civilian, state issued driver's license while conducting federal business, determine whether such operations would cause any threat to public safety, and develop a recommendation to the governor regarding the issuance of an executive order to make this permissible, including any proposed conditions or safeguards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Tiger Team" shall submit a written report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the governor no later than December 1, 2026, and shall provide copies of the report to the Legislature of Louisiana, including the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the secretary of the United States Department of Defense, with courtesy copies provided to the commanding officers of Fort Polk, Barksdale Air Force Base, and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Tiger Team's report shall also be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in accordance with R.S. 24:772.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles, the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, the adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, the president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the governor, the secretary of the United States Department of Defense, and the commanders of Fort Polk, Barksdale Air Force Base, and the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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