

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1246 (Substitute for House Bill No. 264 by Representative
Glorioso)

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO AND MANDIE LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:98.9, relative to operating a vehicle while impaired; to provide for the
3 detention and release of persons arrested for operating while impaired; to provide for
4 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:98.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §98.9. "Jada's Law"; sober release requirement

8 A. This Section may be cited as "Jada's Law".

9 B. Following an arrest for operating while impaired in violation of R.S.
10 14:98 or 98.6, the custodial agency may hold an individual who is presumed to be
11 under the influence of alcoholic beverages pursuant to R.S. 32:662 until a safe
12 release is feasible.

13 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to deny or restrict the
14 entitlement of a person to bail pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedure or limit
15 the authority of a court to impose additional conditions of release in accordance with
16 applicable law.

17 D. The provisions of this Section do not apply to any individual who is
18 seventeen years of age or younger.

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APPROVED: _____