

ACT No. 437

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 606

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

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; to provide for an effective date; 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.

21 (5) "Personal delivery device" means a powered device that travels at the
22 speed of twenty miles per hour or less, is less than five hundred pounds, excluding

1 cargo, is manufactured for transporting cargo and goods in a pedestrian area,
2 nonpedestrian area, or supplementary areas, and is equipped with automated driving
3 technology, including software and hardware, that enables the operation of the
4 device with the remote support and supervision of a human being.

5 §210.1. Applicable law

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

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12 §210.3. Device operation

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

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

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

20 (3) ~~Not~~ Does not unreasonably interfere with other traffic, including
21 pedestrian traffic.

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

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

26 (6) (4) ~~Not~~ Does not transport hazardous materials regulated under the
27 Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103 and required
28 to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.

29 (7) (5) ~~Be~~ Is monitored or controlled by an agent of the business entity
30 meeting the requirements of R.S. 32:210.2(A).

1 §210.4. Areas of Operation

2 A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart may be operated
3 either:

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5 (2) At a speed not to exceed twenty miles per hour in a nonpedestrian area;
6 ~~provided that the personal delivery device shall not cross any divided highway,~~
7 ~~highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles~~
8 ~~per hour at an intersection.~~

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10 §210.6. Local authority regulation

11 A.(1) Personal delivery devices may be ~~prohibited~~ regulated by local
12 resolutions or ordinances if the local government determines that the ~~prohibition~~
13 regulation is in the interest of public safety and is not inconsistent with this Subpart.

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15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____