

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law authorizes a public servant to accept complimentary reasonable transportation or reimbursement of reasonable transportation in certain circumstances. Requires the public servant to make certain disclosures regarding accepted transportation including the amount expended on his behalf for such transportation.

For purposes of legislators, existing law provides that "reasonable transportation" when organized primarily for *educational or for informational purposes*, including on-site inspections, shall include transportation to any state, territory, or commonwealth of the U.S., to the territorial waters of La., and to any offshore structure located on the outer continental shelf seaward of such territorial waters and offshore of Louisiana.

Existing law provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *making a public speech*, reasonable transportation includes transportation from his home, or the capitol, to and from the site of the speaking engagement from the sponsoring group or organization, if the public speech is given in any state of the U.S. or any country in North America.

Existing law further provides that for legislators, when organized primarily for *entertainment purposes incidental to food, drink, or refreshments*, reasonable transportation includes transportation to any point within this state that is within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the legislator's district, or within a 50-mile radius of the perimeter of the parish wherein the state capitol is located.

New law provides that for legislators, if organized primarily for *trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes*, reasonable transportation includes transportation to a foreign country if sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization.

New law further provides, however, that a legislator shall not accept reasonable transportation as provided by new law if sponsored by a government or nongovernment person identified as a foreign adversary in federal regulations (15 CFR 791.4).

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(Adds R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv))