

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 861

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

ANIMALS/DOGS: Prohibits the transportation of certain domestic animals in pickup truck beds unless safely crated

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:284.1, relative to the transportation of domestic animals; to prohibit the
3 transportation of certain domestic animals in pickup truck beds and utility trailers on
4 certain roadways; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:284.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §284.1. Transporting domestic animals in truck beds and utility trailers; prohibited

9 A.(1) No person shall be permitted to transport a common domestic animal
10 in a pickup truck bed or utility trailer on roadways within this state having a posted
11 speed limit of forty miles per hour or greater.

12 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply if the common domestic
13 animal is enclosed in a crate, container, or cage which is safely secured to the motor
14 vehicle or utility trailer, thereby preventing the animal from falling, jumping, or
15 being thrown from the vehicle.

16 B. The provisions of this Section shall only apply to common domestic
17 animals. For purposes of this Section, "common domestic animals" means all
18 breeds, including mixed breeds, of dogs and cats in possession of the offender at the
19 time of the violation.

- 1 C.(1) The first violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable
2 by a fine of not more than seventy five dollars.
- 3 (2) Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
4 one hundred fifty dollars.
- 5 (3) If more than one common domestic animal is transported in violation of
6 this Section, each animal shall constitute a separate offense.
- 7 D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to livestock, farming, or
8 ranching animals.
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DIGEST

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HB No. 861

Abstract: Prohibits common domestic animals from being transported in the back of pickup truck beds and utility trailers on certain highways unless properly crated or secured.

Proposed law prohibits drivers from transporting common domestic animals in the back of pickup trucks or utility trailers on certain roadways having a posted speed limit of 40 mph or greater.

Proposed law provides an exception for animals enclosed in a crate, container, or case which is safely secured to the motor vehicle or utility trailer.

Proposed law provides an exception for common domestic animals used for livestock, farming, or ranching.

Proposed law provides that the penalty for the first violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$75. Specifies that the second offense is punishable by a fine of not more than \$150.

Proposed law provides that each animal transported in violation of proposed law shall be considered a separate offense.

(Adds R.S. 32:284.1)