

SENATE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY SENATOR COLOMB

A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

To request the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study the safety of pets riding inside of motor vehicles without proper restraint.

WHEREAS, unrestrained pets may become a distraction for operators of motor vehicles while driving; and

WHEREAS, distractions cause and contribute to motor vehicle collisions that result in property damage, personal injury, and death; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration continues to report increases in fatality and injury crashes by distracted drivers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, other states and municipalities are requiring that pets are properly restrained when riding as a pet passenger in a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that an unrestrained pet may turn into a deadly projectile, get crushed by a driver or passenger who is thrown forward in a motor vehicle collision, and can cause or contribute to injury or death of both human and pet occupants of a motor vehicle involved in a motor vehicle crash.

THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works conduct a study jointly to consider the safety of pets riding unrestrained in a motor vehicle.

A copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.