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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

LEGISLATIVE AGCY/LAW INST: Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to examine the laws relative to motor vehicle accidents

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review all Louisiana laws relative
3	to motor vehicle accidents to see whether the creation of the crime of infliction of
4	serious injury or death on a road user is necessary.
5	WHEREAS, in 2018, there were five thousand nine hundred seventy-seven
6	pedestrians who were killed in traffic crashes in the United States; and
7	WHEREAS, pedestrians account for seventeen percent of traffic crash fatalities; and
8	WHEREAS, there are one hundred thirteen thousand six hundred sixty-four
9	registered motorcycles; and
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana is ranked thirteenth in motorcycle fatalities with eighty-seven
11	fatalities; and
12	WHEREAS, in Louisiana in 2019, one hundred twenty-two pedestrians were killed
13	while twenty-two bicyclists were struck and killed; and
14	WHEREAS, in 2019, the citizens of Louisiana paid over eight billion dollars for
15	crashes, the equivalent to each licensed driver paying about two thousand nine hundred five
16	dollars; and
17	WHEREAS, on average a fatal motorcycle accident costs approximately one million
18	dollars; and
19	WHEREAS, the average cost for a non-fatal pedestrian accident is approximately
20	four thousand four hundred sixty dollars for minor injuries while an accident with more

1 serious injuries can cost approximately seven hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred 2 fifty-seven dollars; and 3 WHEREAS, the costs for fatal pedestrian accidents are approximately three million 4 dollars; and 5 WHEREAS, the driver may only pay a minor fine of one hundred eighty dollars; and 6 WHEREAS, the only severe legal consequences occur when the driver has fled the 7 scene or is intoxicated. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review all Louisiana laws relative to motor 10 vehicle accidents to determine whether the creation of the crime of infliction of serious 11 injury or death on a road user is necessary. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 13 to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and that the Louisiana State Law Institute 14 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before January 15 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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