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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 435 by Senator Cortez

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "Act;" insert "to establish the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge as a highway  
3 safety corridor; to provide for camera safety devices; "

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 11, change "five" to "two"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, at the end of line 12, insert, "**For purposes of this Subsection, the Atchafalaya**  
8 **Basin Bridge shall mean the Atchafalaya Elevated Expressway designated by Act 793**  
9 **of 1989 as the Louisiana Airborne Memorial Bridge.**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the  
12 following:

13 **"§239. Atchafalaya Basin Bridge; highway safety corridor; camera usage; signs**

14 **A.(1) The legislature finds and declares that the Atchafalaya Basin**  
15 **Bridge shall be identified as a highway safety corridor based on data analytics**  
16 **that have identified this segment of highway as a high collision crash zone**  
17 **resulting in severe injury and fatality due primarily to driver behavior such as**  
18 **speeding, aggressive driving, impairment, and distracted driving.**  
19 **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including R.S. 32:267 et**  
20 **seq., the Department of Transportation and Development shall take all steps**  
21 **necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.**

22 **(2) The legislature further finds and declares that the department shall**  
23 **implement measures to reduce safety risks to both law enforcement and**  
24 **individuals driving across the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge including but not**  
25 **limited to the implementation of camera safety devices and installation of**  
26 **additional signage.**

27 **(3) For purposes of implementation of this Section, the Atchafalaya Basin**  
28 **Bridge shall mean the Atchafalaya Elevated Expressway designated by Act 793**  
29 **of 1989 as the Louisiana Airborne Memorial Bridge.**

30 **B.(1) The department shall install camera safety devices on the**  
31 **Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. The department may consult with the Safety**  
32 **Corridor Advisory Group to determine the quantity, placement, duration of**  
33 **use, and operation of the cameras. The department may monitor the cameras**  
34 **or may contract with a third-party to monitor the cameras. The department**  
35 **may determine whether the cameras should be utilized continuously or only**  
36 **during certain hours.**

37 **(2) The department shall establish a process for identification of motor**  
38 **vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit, issuance of citations, and**  
39 **collection of fines.**

40 **(3) The department shall adopt policies and procedures for the issuance**  
41 **of citations and the collection of fines authorized pursuant to this Section in**  
42 **accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

43 **C. The department shall place the following signs, in compliance with the**  
44 **standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, on the**  
45 **Atchafalaya Basin Bridge:**

1           **(1) Signs placed at the eastbound entrance of the bridge and signs placed**  
2 **at the westbound entrance of the bridge that state "Safety Corridor, Fines**  
3 **Doubled for Speeding and Other Violations". The department shall design the**  
4 **color, size, and shape of the signs in a manner that safely alerts and informs**  
5 **drivers that they are entering a highway safety corridor. The department may**  
6 **place additional signs designed pursuant to this Paragraph along the bridge as**  
7 **necessary.**

8           **(2) Eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the eastbound**  
9 **portion of the bridge and eight sets of speed limit signs equally spaced on the**  
10 **westbound portion of the bridge.**

11           **(3) Six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs equally spaced on the**  
12 **eastbound portion of the bridge and six sets of "Trucks Right Lane Only" signs**  
13 **equally spaced on the westbound portion of the bridge.**

14           **D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as precluding any police**  
15 **officer from enforcing traffic laws on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge. However,**  
16 **no person shall be subject to a citation issued pursuant to this Section if a**  
17 **citation for the same offence was also issued by a police officer.**

18           **E. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to be**  
19 **designated and hereafter referred to as the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Safety**  
20 **Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".**

21           **(2) Any monies collected as fines pursuant to R.S. 32:57(J), as a result of**  
22 **traffic camera safety device data, shall be deposited into the fund.**

23           **(3) The monies in the fund shall be remitted at the end of the fiscal year**  
24 **on a pro rata basis by the department to the parishes of Iberville and St. Martin**  
25 **for use in the same manner as fines collected by the parishes when traffic**  
26 **violations are issued by a law enforcement officer.**

27           **(4) All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of**  
28 **the fiscal year shall remain in the fund."**