The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Whitney Kauffeld.

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Present law provides penalties for violations of present law relative to motor vehicles and traffic regulation (La. Highway Regulatory Act). Present law provides that the first violation of present law or any regulation made pursuant to present law is to be punished by a fine up to $175 or imprisonment up to 30 days, or both. Present law further provides that a subsequent violation is to be punished by a fine up to $500 or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

Proposed law increases the maximum fines for operating a vehicle without a license plate properly attached to $300 for a first offense and $500 for each subsequent offense, and permits law enforcement to impound the vehicle at the time of the violation.

Proposed law provides that if the offense is committed in preparation to or during the commission of a felony in order to escape detection, the defendant is to be punished by an additional fine of $200, or an additional imprisonment of 30 days, or both.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 32:57(A))