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## DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> requires that a person driving an automobile on La. roads or highways to maintain an auto insurance liability policy or other minimum acceptable security to cover the driver in case the driver causes negligent damage to another automobile or negligent injury to another driver, passenger, or pedestrian.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but prohibits persons suspected of driving without lawful presence in the U.S. if the suspect is unable to show that the suspect has the required motor vehicle liability insurance policy or other acceptable security from operating a motor vehicle required in <u>present law</u>. Provide for the duties of La. law enforcement officials to notify the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for possible deportation and removal under federal law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person who is found guilty of operating an automobile on La. roads without an automobile liability insurance policy or other required minimum acceptable security is subject to a misdemeanor and a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment of not more than 90 days.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the same penalty is to be imposed for driving without lawful presence in the U.S. when the driver does not have a mandatory required automobile liability insurance policy or other acceptable security.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:911)