

1 WHEREAS, the Insurance Information Institute reported from 2017 to 2022 that the
2 percentage of uninsured motorists increased from 11.6% in 2017 to 14% in 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, states bordering Louisiana have some of the highest rates of uninsured
4 motorists in the country; and

5 WHEREAS, establishing reports of the number and type of incidents involving out-
6 of-state drivers; and

7 WHEREAS, 32 CFR 634.49(a) and (b) details the standards for impoundment; and

8 WHEREAS, in pertinent part, the regulation specifies that vehicles should not be
9 impounded unless their presence threatens public safety or convenience and if there are
10 reasonable alternatives to impoundment; and

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 32:392(B) requires that vehicles impounded for violations of state
12 law other than R.S. 32:380 through 387, which regulate size, width, height, length, weight,
13 and load of vehicles in regular operation, shall be detained until released by any court or
14 committee magistrate having jurisdiction over the defense; and

15 WHEREAS, R.S. 32:862(B)(1) provides that for proof of compliance with insurance
16 requirements, Louisiana requires that "the original, a photocopy, or an image displayed on
17 a mobile electronic device, of one of the following documents be produced as documentation
18 of insurance: an insurance card; an insurance policy; or the declarations page of the
19 insurance policy showing coverages"; and

20 WHEREAS, the enforcement of insurance requirements on out-of-state drivers
21 operating vehicles in this state, along with contemplating the impacts of impounding
22 vehicles of drivers who are not in compliance are essential to protecting the citizens of this
23 state.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 urge and request the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police to study the
26 feasibility and potential methods of enforcing out-of-state vehicle compliance with
27 Louisiana's mandatory vehicle insurance law.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana
29 State Police shall study the following:

1 (1) Laws and ordinances that establish procedures and penalties to be imposed on
2 out-of-state drivers without insurance in Louisiana.

3 (2) The feasibility of establishing a procedure for out-of-state drivers to secure
4 temporary insurance coverage and tagging when penalized for driving without insurance.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana
6 State Police shall submit a joint, written report to the House and Senate Transportation,
7 Highways and Public Works committees prior to January 15, 2026.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 secretary of the office of motor vehicles and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the office of motor vehicles (OMV) and the La. State Police study methods of enforcing out-of-state vehicle insurance compliance, procedures for impounding out-of-state vehicles noncompliant with La.'s mandatory vehicle insurance requirement, and the potential threat to the safety of La. citizens. Requires the OMV and the La. State Police to submit a joint, written report to the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works committees prior to Jan. 15, 2026.