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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATOR BARROW

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requests the Louisiana State Police to study and make recommendations to improve driving.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State Police to study and make recommendations
3 regarding the reduction of distracted driving, the implementation of driver refresher
4 courses, and the improvement of driver understanding and navigation of modern
5 traffic control designs.

6 WHEREAS, distracted driving is a growing concern that significantly contributes to
7 traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities on Louisiana roadways; and

8 WHEREAS, distractions such as mobile phone use, in-vehicle technologies, eating,
9 and other non-driving activities compromise the attention and reaction time of drivers; and

10 WHEREAS, according to data from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and
11 national traffic safety agencies, distracted driving continues to be a leading factor in
12 preventable motor vehicle crashes; and

13 WHEREAS, driver education and refresher courses may enhance public awareness
14 and improve defensive driving skills, particularly in light of evolving technology and traffic
15 patterns; and

16 WHEREAS, the use of modern traffic control designs, such as traffic circles or
17 roundabouts, has increased across the state as a means of improving traffic flow and safety;
18 and

1 WHEREAS, many drivers remain unfamiliar or uncomfortable with how to properly
2 navigate traffic circles, leading to confusion, inefficiency, and safety concerns; and

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Police possess the expertise, experience, and
4 resources necessary to evaluate current traffic safety issues and propose strategies to enhance
5 driver education and accountability.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Police to conduct a comprehensive study
8 on distracted driving, implementing driver refresher courses, including the need for
9 additional driver education on navigating modern traffic control designs.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include an analysis of the primary
11 causes and frequency of distracted driving incidents and recommendations regarding the
12 design and implementation of voluntary or mandatory driver refresher courses.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police shall report its
14 findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and
15 Public Works and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, as required by R.S.
16 24:771 no later than sixty days prior to the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the
17 Legislature.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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