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DIGEST

Marionneaux (SB 139)

Proposed law requires a truck, truck-tractor-semitrailer, or truck-tractor-trailer, which has a total of three or more axles, to travel in the right lane on a multi-lane highway and requires travel only in either of the two lanes farthest to the right on highways having three or more lanes for travel in the same direction, except for a reasonable distance when making a left turn or where a special hazard exists that requires the use of an alternative lane for safety reasons. Provides that proposed law does not apply to such trucks when passing a motor vehicle which is stopped for any reason, passing a motor vehicle or vehicle traveling under the posted speed limit, allowing traffic to merge onto a multi-lane highway, or when entering or exiting the highway. Also does not apply to any portion of a multi-lane highway within an incorporated urban area as designated by DOTD.

Proposed law requires DOTD to post signs on all multi-lane highways indicating that such trucks are restricted in ordinary operation to the right-hand travel lane or the two travel lanes farthest to the right.

Proposed law provides that the operator of such trucks violating the proposed law shall be subject to a fine of \$500.

Proposed law requires DOTD to collect data on the number of crashes, highway operations, compliance with, enforcement of, and public perception of, the provisions of proposed law for the calendar years 2012 and 2013, and to submit a report to the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways, and public works no later than March 31, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 32:83)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Provides that the restriction does not apply to any portion of a multi-lane highway within an incorporated urban area as designated by DOTD.