

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 998

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

TRANSPORTATION: Requires DOTD to supplement the manual on uniform traffic control devices to permit certain guide signs to appear in English and Louisiana French

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:235(A) and to enact R.S. 25:651(C)(7), relative to the  
3 uniform highway marking system manual and specifications for a uniform system  
4 of traffic control devices; to require the Department of Transportation and  
5 Development to adopt a supplement and specifications to the manual on uniform  
6 traffic control devices permitting parish governing authorities to request bilingual  
7 signs on certain roads; to provide guidelines for the supplement to be adopted by the  
8 Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for additional authority  
9 for the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; and to provide for  
10 related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 25:651(C)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §651. Creation; domicile; purposes

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15 C. The purposes of the council shall include the following:

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17 (7) To provide and approve Louisiana French terms for the supplement to  
18 the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to be placed on bilingual  
19 and symbol-based signs to be installed by the Department of Transportation and





Proposed law provides for a process by which a parish governing authority may formally adopt the supplement prior to erecting signs. In the event the Federal Highway Administration does not approve the bilingual supplement, the supplement must be returned to the governing authority of the parish which requested it. The parish governing authorities may adopt the supplement as it was submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, but are prohibited from erecting such bilingual signs on state or federal highways within the parish.

(Amends R.S. 32:235(A); Adds R.S. 25:651(C)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarified a provision that specifies that if the bilingual supplement is not approved, the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration must return the supplement to the governing authority of the parish which requested it and that the governing authority may only proceed with local adoption of the supplement as it was submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, but cannot erect any bilingual sign on any state or federal highway within the parish.
2. Removed the provision that provides for the supplement cost not to exceed MUTCD standards.