

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 418

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

TRAFFIC: Provides relative to downtown traffic control in the city of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:5(C), relative to the regulation of downtown traffic control in the city of
3 New Orleans; to authorize the superintendent of police in the city of New Orleans
4 and Orleans Parish to contract with or employ traffic control employees in certain
5 areas of downtown New Orleans; to provide relative to the establishment of a
6 training program; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 32:5(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §5. Authority of other law enforcement officers; parade marshals in Calcasieu
13 Parish and Lake Charles; downtown traffic control officers in New Orleans

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15 C. The superintendent of police in the city of New Orleans and Orleans
16 Parish may contract with or employ traffic control officers who shall have the
17 authority to direct, control, and regulate traffic within the area bounded by Rampart
18 Street, Calliope Street, Esplanade Avenue, and the Mississippi River. However, no
19 such officer shall have the authority to issue traffic citations. The New Orleans
20 Police Department shall establish a training program for any such traffic control
21 officers.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the regulation of downtown traffic control in the city of New Orleans. Authorizes the superintendent of police in the city of New Orleans to contract with or employ traffic control officers.

Present law authorizes all law enforcement officers of this state or of any political subdivision thereof to direct, control, or regulate traffic, to enforce the provisions of the La. Hwy. Regulatory Act.

Present law also authorizes the governing authorities of the city of Lake Charles and Calcasieu Parish to employ parade marshals to direct, control, and regulate traffic for parade events only.

Proposed law authorizes the superintendent of police in the city of New Orleans to contract with or employ traffic control officers in certain areas of downtown New Orleans. Provides that such officers may not issue traffic citations. Requires the NOPD to establish a training program for any such officers.

(Adds R.S. 32:5(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change the area of jurisdiction in which traffic control officers have the authority to direct, control, and regulate traffic.
2. Require the NOPD to establish a training program for any traffic control officers.