
DIGEST

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HB 539 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits pedestrians from walking on highways during certain time periods.

Present law prohibits any pedestrian from crossing an interstate highway, except in the case of an emergency.

Present law prohibits pedestrians from walking along and upon an adjacent highway if sidewalks are provided. Specifies where sidewalks are not provided a pedestrian walking on the highway must walk on the left side of the highway or shoulder when applicable, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits pedestrians from walking on a highway that has a speed limit above 35 mph from dusk to dawn, unless they are wearing reflective clothing.

(Amends R.S. 32:216(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarify that pedestrians are prohibited from walking on a highway that has a speed limit above 35 mph from sunrise to sunset, unless they are wearing protective clothing.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarify that pedestrians are prohibited from walking on a highway with a speed limit above 35 mph from dusk to dawn, unless they are wearing reflective clothing.