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Present law prohibits persons from standing on a public roadway to solicit rides, employment, or business from occupants of vehicles.

Present law provides an exception allowing members of professional firefighters associations, or other nonprofit organizations to solicit contributions, as members of that association, on behalf of bona fide charitable organizations if granted permission to solicit by the municipal or parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and adds police officers and other public safety officers to pedestrians who shall not be prohibited by present law or any other provision of state law from standing on a public roadway for the purpose of soliciting contributions on behalf of bona fide charitable or civic organizations in daylight hours provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) The charitable or civic organization complies with applicable local government regulations. A local municipal or parish authority may enact or enforce regulations that restrict, but shall not prohibit, the activity described in proposed law.
- (b) The charitable or civic organization maintains at least five hundred thousand dollars in liability insurance.
- (c) The person is eighteen years of age or older.
- (d) The person is wearing high-visibility safety apparel that meets current American standards promulgated by the International Safety Equipment Association.
- (e) The portion of the roadway upon which the solicitation occurs is not a work zone and is within an intersection where traffic control devices are present.

Proposed law limits liability for damages of a local municipal or parish authority with jurisdiction over a roadway upon which solicitation occurs as described in proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes assessment of a civil penalty on a person who violates the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law defines "charitable or civic organization" as a nonprofit organization that is qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501, or a veteran's organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

Proposed law requires a local municipal or parish authority that has enacted or is enforcing regulations that are prohibited under proposed law to bring those regulations into compliance with proposed law no later than 60 days following its effective date.

Proposed law adds that it shall be known as the Rivers Lacrouts Charitable Solicitation Act.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:218)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds provision that Section shall be known as the Rivers Lacrouts Charitable Solicitation Act.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes legislative bureau technical corrections.