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HOUSE BILL NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEOPOLD AND WESLEY BISHOP AND SENATOR MORRELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:229(B), relative to the highway priority construction program; to provide relative to priorities for bridges within the proposed program of construction for highways; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:229(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§229. Priority reports on current construction projects

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B. In fixing priorities, the department shall consider primarily the condition of the roads, streets, and structures making up the state highway system and the relative urgency of the improvements considering in their order general needs, traffic volume, accident records, technical difficulties in the preparation of plans and the procurement of rights-of-way, as well as unforeseeable emergencies such as floods. In fixing priorities, the department shall also consider and include capacity improvements in geographic areas where population has grown or traffic volume has increased and capacity improvements are necessary. In fixing priorities for bridges, the department may give higher priority to bridges with high volumes of traffic.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____