

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

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

ANIMALS: Prohibits the transportation of dogs in pickup truck beds and utility trailers on certain roadways unless safely crated

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:284.1, relative to the transportation of dogs; to prohibit the transportation  
3 of dogs in pickup truck beds and utility trailers on certain roadways; to provide for  
4 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:284.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §284.1. Transporting dogs in pickup truck beds; utility trailers; prohibited

8 A.(1) No person shall be permitted to transport a dog or dogs, of any breed,  
9 in pickup truck beds or utility trailers on interstate highways within this state.

10 (2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply if the dog or dogs are  
11 enclosed in a crate, container, or cage which is ventilated and safely secured to the  
12 motor vehicle or utility trailer, thereby preventing the dog or dogs from falling,  
13 jumping, or being thrown from the vehicle.

14 B. (1) Transporting one dog in violation of the provisions of this Section  
15 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred fifty dollars.

16 (2) Transporting more than one dog at the same time in violation of this  
17 Section shall be punishable by the fine imposed by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection  
18 for any one of the dogs and a fifty dollar fine for each additional dog.

- 1                    C. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to dogs of all breeds and  
2                    shall not apply to any other animal.
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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits dogs from being transported in the back of pickup trucks or utility trailers on interstate highways unless properly crated or secured.

Proposed law prohibits drivers from transporting dogs of all breeds in the back of pickup trucks or utility trailers on interstate highways within this state.

Proposed law provides for exceptions relative to dogs enclosed in a crate, container, or cage which is ventilated and safely secured to the motor vehicle or utility trailer.

Proposed law provides that the penalty for the violation of transporting one dog in violation of proposed law is a fine of not more than \$150.

Proposed law provides that an additional fine of \$50 per dog shall be imposed for each additional dog transported at the same time in violation of proposed law. Proposed law applies only to dogs of all breeds and not to any other animal.

(Adds R.S. 32:284.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseHouse Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.